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#### Help the Red Cross-the Great Battle Raging in France Is Overtaxing its Resources

THE greatest battle in all history, the decisive battle of this war, began March 21 in France and is still raging with increasing fury at the time this issue goes to press. Millions of men are engaged, including a large contingent of American troops sent into action within the last few days. The slaughter has been frightful. The killed and wounded are numbered by the hundred thousand. Though the larger losses were on the side of the attacking Germans, our allies have suffered severely and the relief of their wounded, including our own, is already overtaxing the combined resources of the Red Cross and the army hospital service. To meet the needs of this emergency the Red Cross has sent out a distress call for surgical dressings. The men, women and children of England, France and Italy are overworked and can do no more than they are now doing. Therefore it is the pressing duty of the women of America to respond to this appeal by speeding up to the utmost their Red Cross work.

The Kaiser has determined to make this the decisive battle of the war, and, viewed from the German standpoint, he has excellent reasons for staking all on his present desperate effort to win a crushing victory that would prostrate the free nations of the world at his feet. The war has imposed more severe privations on the people of Germany than on the people of the Allies, excepting those in the sections devastated by the German armies. The shortage of the necessaries of life in Germany has reached the point of impairing the health and strength of the people and they cannot much longer stand the strain. The entire nation, except the army, is on a starvation diet; cloth is so scarce that most of it has been commandeered for the army, and the citizens are compelled to resort to a considerable use of paper clothing; there is no tea, coffee, chocolate or rubber in the country; the supply of leather is hardly enough to shoe the soldiers, while the people are reduced to the extremity of wearing wooden shoes and many even have to go without socks. Because of the near exhaustion of resources Germany cannot prolong the struggle; but the Kaiser has another cogent reason for driving the war to a speedy conclusion. The treacherous desertion and infamous peace by Bolsheviki Russia has enabled Germany to withdraw two million soldiers from the eastern front and transfer them to the western front. With this enormous reinforcement the German army in France largely outnumbers the forces of the Allies, and the imperial butcher of Berlin is making quick use of this present advantage in a supreme effort to conquer before the full strength of the armies the United States is training can be brought into the conflict. Despite the heavy odds he is being held in check, and we are sending our help as fast as possible. This battle will go on for weeks, perhaps months, but we shall win. We must all help and especially by contributing liberally to the Red Cross fund which is to be raised this present May.

# Some Questions Concerning Zone Rates Answered by Request

N Ohio doctor writes that, after reading our February and March editorials on zone rates of newspaper and magazine postage, there occur to him the following questions which he requests us to print and comment on. We are glad of the opportunity, offered by his challenge, to correct certain misstatements that have been persistently circulated by the enemies of the magazines, and to point out the fallacy of the misconception entertained by the Doctor and some others as to the proper functions and legitimate purposes of government. The Doctor asks:

Question.—"Why is it unfair for the Government to charge more to haul a ton of newspapers a thousand miles than to haul them fifty if it is fair for a company hauling coal to make such distinction?"

We believe our readers understand that there is a very important difference, which the Doctor fails to comprehend, between the hauling of freight by transportation companies and the dissemination of useful knowledge through the distribution of the newspapers and magazines by the Government instrumentality of the mails. seems needless to explain why it is fair and indeed necessary for transportation companies to grade their rates according to distance. To say nothing of a living profit, they must at least earn their expenses which vary according to distance as also does the value of the service to their patrons. Therefore a fixed charge for all distances from fifty to one thousand miles would be too high for short hauls and too low for long hauls and unfair to all concerned. Their business is merely commercial and the law does not permit them to tax one patron for the benefit of another. Though the mails are an immense help to commerce they are designed to serve and do serve the higher and more important purpose of promoting the education and enlightenment of the people, chiefly through the distribution of newspapers and magazines. And this is an object of vital consequence to the well-being of the people and the very existence of the nation. Therefore a different principle applies to the conduct of the Post-Office establishment. It should not be operated as a money-making business, but as a function of Government for the utmost benefit of the people as a whole and for the general welfare of the nation. It was the illiteracy and dense ignorance of the great majority of the Russian people that caused the ruin of that once mighty nation. It is fair and right and necessary that, in our country in which the people have the power of self-government, the postage rates should be uniform throughout the land regardless of distance, so that the citizens in the most remote corners of the Union may have the educational benefit of newspapers and magazines at the same price as do those who dwell in or near the great cities, and if the cost of transportation on the long hauls exceeds the postage it is just and proper that the deficit should be made good from the tax revenues of the National treasury.

Question.—"If the papers are carried at less than cost do not those people who care nothing for them have to make up the deficit by some kind of tax, and is this fair?"

We believe that the Government does not sustain any loss on carrying the papers and magazines at the present level rate of one cent a pound but, if it does, of course the deficit has to be made up from some other source of revenue, and unquestionably it is fair for this purpose to tax those (if any there be) "who care nothing for" such reading matter. Those who care nothing for schools are taxed for their support regardless of whether they have children or not,—if they have we compel their children to go to school - and it is all fair and right because universal education is for the best interest of our country. But education does not properly end with school days. School is but the beginning of lifelong education, kept up through the newspapers and magazines. Our National and State Governments are expending millions on scientific research to discover better methods of agriculture and forestry, of combating the enemies of human, animal and plant life, and of improving our living conditions, the results of which, together with a vast amount of other useful information, reach the people through the columns of the newspapers and magazines. The person who cares nothing for newspapers and magazines is not likely to be a progressive, public-spirited or desirable citizen in any community, and this class of obstructionists should not be encouraged by making the magazines more costly through zone rate postage.

Question.—"Do not sealed letters carry intelligence, and would it not be possible to carry letters for one cent per ounce if the seventy million dollars lost annually to the P. O. Department by carrying second-class matter at a loss were saved?"

So that old falsehood long since disproved and discredited is still doing service in the interest of those who are trying to strangle the magazines! A Government commission, after a careful investigation, reported that the accounting system of the P. O. Department was such that it was impossible to determine the cost of transporting second-class mail matter, and Congressman Steenerson of Minnesota proved conclusively that these guesswork figures of supposed loss were not only absurdly wrong but impossible. One thing is certain—that the P. O. Department on its entire operations during the twelve months ending with June, 1917, made a net profit of nearly ten million (to be exact \$9,836,211.90) dollars and turned this sum into the U.S. treasury. Rightly understood there is no loss to be saved on second-class matter at the present one-cent level rate; but we believe that the high zone rates, if permitted to go into effect, will cause a loss of postal revenue by cutting down the circulation of the magazines. Besides the second-class postage they pay, the magazines create an immense volume of first, third and fourth-class mail business. For instance, we receive a million letters a year from our subscribers, and we mail a large number of letters and circulars to them. The postage on this correspondence is a large sum, equal to the amount we pay for mailing Comport, but it is vastly exceeded by the correspondence that passes between our readers and advertisers resulting from advertisements in Comfort. A considerable cut in magazine circulation would necessarily result in a large reduction of postal revenue but would not much reduce the operating expenses of the P. O. Department. The wiping out of half the newspaper and magazine circulation would not do away with a single post office or mail routeand the cost of maintaining the rural mail routes is the same regardless of whether the driver carries one or a hundred pieces of mail on a trip. How is the Government to make a net saving or gain by prohibitive zone rates?

#### Zone Rate Scheme Is Not a War Tax

CONSCIENTIOUS and patriotic subscriber in Colorado writes that some of her friends, who would like to sign the petition for the repeal of the zone rates, hesitate to do so for tear the zone rate proposition might have been designed, like the raising of the letter postage rate, as a war revenue measure. The increase in the letter postage rate is a war tax and will be repealed after the close of the war, but the zone rate scheme was not intended for a war tax, as we explained in a previous editorial. Postmaster-General Burleson so stated in his annual report where he said that the zone rate law was intended as permanent postal legislation. It will remain a permanent fixture unless the people by their letters and petitions prevail on Congress to repeal it. You need have no fear of hindering war activities or embarrassing the finances of the Government by signing the petition. The magazine publishers are subject to the same war taxes that apply to other lines of business. Furthermore, they have declared their willingness to bear any increase of tax, even to the extent of giving over their entire profits during the war, if needed by the Government. It is the cruel injustice of the zone rates that they so strenuously object to, and at which the petitions are aimed. If an increase of second-class postage is needed during the war, let it be a level raise uniform throughout the country regardless of distance, so to bear equally on all and not oppressively on any, so not to punish those who live at a distance while exempting those who live near the place of publication. If these views meet with your approval sign and circulate the petition on page 16.

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# IN @ AROUND The HOME

#### Terms Used in Knitting

K. knit plain; c. over; c. 2, over twice; n. narrow 2 stitches together; p. purl, meaning an inversion of stitches; sl. slip a stitch; tog. together; sl. and b., slip and bind; k. p. knit plain; stars and parenthesis indicate repetition.

#### Terms Used in Crochet

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Ch. st., chain stitch, simply a series of loops or stitches each drawn with the hook through the preceding one; s. c., single crochet, having a loop on hook, insert hook in work as indicated, draw loop through thread over, and draw through eoth loops; d. c., double crochet, thread over hook, insert book in work, draw loop through, thread over draw through two loops; tr. c., treble crochet, thread over draw through two loops; tr. c., treble crochet, thread ever hook twice, then work off as in double crochet, there being three groups of two loops to work off instead of two; h. tr., half treble, same as tr. c., enly work off two loops, thread over and then through three loops; d. tr., double treble crochet, thread over three times, hook through work, thread ever and draw through one loop, giving five on hook, thread over and work off by twos; sl. st., slip stitch, insert hook in work, draw loop through work and loop on hook at the same time; p., picot, a picot is formed on a chain by catching back in the fourth st., or as indicated and working as i. st. r. st., roll stitch, throw the thread over the needle as many times as indicated, insert hook in the work, thread over, pull through coil or roll, thread ever, draw through the one loop on hook. The roll when completed is straight, with a thread the length of roll along its side. The length or size of a roll is regulated by the number of times the thread is thrown over; o., over, thread over hook the number of times indicated; k. st., knot stitch, draw out loop about one quarter inch, catch thread and pull through, then put the hook between the drawn loop and the thread just pulled through, catch the thread, draw through these two stitches to form the knot; blk., block, ast. in each ef a given number of six, preceded and followed by a space; sp., space, a space is formed by making a chain of 3 or 4 sts. and omitting the same number ef sts. in preceding row; sk., skip, to miss or omit sumber of stitches indicated in preceding row; p. c., paddi

#### Knitted Slip-on Sweater

HE attractive model, which is illustrated is made of blossom pink, trimmed with platinum gray and black yarn. It shows a striped border and waist girdle of wide ribbing. It may be knit of vicuna or any medium weight wool, using the following directions. a No. 5 ivory needle. The following directions will fit a 36 to 38 figure.

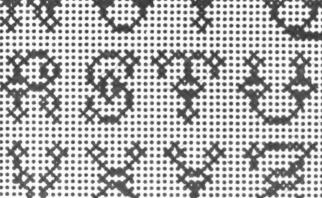
The work is begun in the back and sleeve all

The work is begun in the back and sleeve all made in one, then seamed on sides from wrist to bottom of garment. Using the pink wool east on 90 stitches. Knit 5 ribs, join in the black and knit 1 rib, then 1 rib grey, 1 rib black 28 or less ribs of pink according to how long one wishes sweater below waist line.

Then 1 rib black, 1 rib grey, 1 rib black. Change to needle two sizes smaller and knit 3 and purl 3 for space of 5 inches. Change needles and 1 rib each of black, grey and black, then 12 ribs pink or more according to length from high waistline to arm pit.

#### For Sleeves

Cast on 15 stitches turn, knit across and cast on 15 stitches, knit back, cast on 15 stitches, knit and cast on 15 stitches, repeat once more or un-til 45 stitches have been cast on each side for Now cast on 20 or more stitches ac-to length of one's arm. Work 20 ribs cording to length of one's arm.



ALPHABET IN CROSS-STITCH. inches.

Knit plain, back and forth for six inches. Break wool and join in white, knit six inches more and bind off loosely.

neck and to end of opposite side. Knit 15 ribs, forth for six inches. of black, 1 rib grey, 1 rib black, 1 rib pink, 7 ribs grey, 1 rib pink, 1 rib black, 1 rib grey, 5 ribs black, bind off loosely.

Pick up stitches and knit 2 inches of pink more or less as may be needed, 2 ribs black, 1 rib grey, 1 rib black, 1 pink, 5 grey, 1 pink, 1 black, 1 grey, 3 black and bind off loosely. Sew up neatly and press garment over which two thicknesses of cloth is placed to avoid scorching. Do not have iron too hot. ing. Do not have iron too hot.

#### Cross and Diamond Lace

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Chain 108 stitches, turn.

1st row.—Skip 3 sts. for first d. c., 3 d. c. in next 3 sts., ch. 2, skip 2 sts., 4 d. c. in next 4 sts., (ch. 2, skip 2 sts, 1 d. c. in next) repeat 5 times, 3 d. c. in next 3 sts., (ch. 2, skip 2 sts., 1 d. c. in next) repeat 6 times, 21 d. c. in next 21 sts., msking 22 d. c. in all (ch. 2, skip 2 sts., 1 d. c. in next) repeat 6 times, 3 d. c. in next 3 sts., (ch. 2, skip 2 sts., 1 d. c. in next) repeat 4 times, 6 d. c. in next 6 sts., turn.

2nd row.—The point now begins to increase. Ch. 10, skip 7, d. c. in each of last 3 sts. of ch. 10, 4 d. c. in next 4 d. c., (ch. 2, d. c. on d. c.) repeat 2 times, 9 d. c. in next 9 sts., ch. 2, 10 d. c. in next 10 sts., (ch. 2, d. c. on d. c.) repeat 4 times, 9 d. c. on next 9 sts., ch. 2, 10 d. c., (ch. 2, d. c. on d. c.) repeat 4 times, 9 d. c. on next 9 sts., ch. 2, 10 d. c., on next 9 sts., ch. 2, 10 d. c. on next 10 sts. (ch. 2, d. c. on d. c.) repeat 4 times, 9 d. c. on next 9 sts., ch. 2, 10 d. c. on next 10 sts. (ch. 2, d. c. on d. c.) repeat 4 times, 9 d. c. on next 10 sts. (ch. 2, d. c. on d. c.) repeat 4 times, 9 d. c. on next 9 sts., ch. 2, 10 d. c. on next 10 sts. (ch. 2, d. c. on d. c.) repeat 4 times, 9 d. c. on next 10 sts. (ch. 2, d. c. on d. c.) repeat 4 times, 9 d. c. on next 10 sts. (ch. 2, d. c. on d. c.) repeat 4 times, 9 d. c. on next 10 sts. (ch. 2, d. c. on d. c.) repeat 4 times, 9 d. c. on next 10 sts. (ch. 2, d. c. on d. c.) repeat 4 times, 9 d. c. on next 10 sts. (ch. 2, d. c. on d. c.) repeat 4 times, 9 d. c. on next 10 sts. (ch. 2, d. c. on d. c.) repeat 4 times, 9 d. c. on next 10 sts. (ch. 2, d. c. on d. c.) repeat 4 times, 9 d. c. on next 10 sts. (ch. 2, d. c. on d. c.) repeat 4 times, 9 d. c. on next 10 sts. (ch. 2, d. c. on d. c.) repeat 4 times, 9 d. c. on next 10 sts. (ch. 2, d. c. on d. c.) repeat 4 times, 9 d. c. on next 10 sts. (ch. 2, d. c. on d. c.) repeat 4 times (ch. 2, d. c. on d. c.) repeat 4 times (ch. 2, d. c. on d. c.) repeat 4 times (ch. 2, d. c. on d. c.) repeat 4 times

on d. c.) repeat 4 times, 9 d. c. on next 9 sts., ch. 2, 10 d. c. on next 10 sts.. (ch. 2, d. c. on d. c.) repeat 110 sts.. (ch. 2, d. c. on d. c.) repeat 21 times, 3 d. c., ch. 2, d. c., turn.

3rd row.—Ch. 3, 3 d. c., ch. 2, 4 d. c., (ch. 2, d. c. on d. c.) repeat 3 times, 6 d. c. on d. c.) repeat 4 times, 3 d. c., ch. 2, 10 d. c., ch. 2, 4 d. c., (ch. 2, d. c. on d. c.) repeat 4 times, 6 d. c., ch. 2, d. c. on d. c.) repeat 4 times, 6 d. c., ch. 2, d. c. on d. c.) repeat 4 times, 6 d. c., ch. 2, d. c. on d. c.) repeat 4 times, 6 d. c., (ch. 2, d. c. on d. c.) repeat 4 times, 6 d. c., ch. 2, d. c. on d. c.) repeat 5 times, 3 d. c., ch. 2, 4 d. c., (ch. 2, d. c. on d. c.) repeat 5 times, (ch. 2, d. c. on d. c.) repeat 5 times, 3 d. c., ch. 2, d. c. on d. c.) repeat 5 times, 3 d. c., ch. 2, d. c. on d. c.) repeat 5 times, 3 d. c., ch. 2, d. c. on d. c.) repeat 5 times, 3 d. c., ch. 2, d. c. on d. c.) repeat 5 times, 3 d. c., ch. 2, d. c. on d. c.) repeat 5 times, 3 d. c., ch. 2, d. c. on d. c.) repeat 5 times, 3 d. c., ch. 2, d. c. on d. c.) repeat 5 times, 3 d. c., ch. 2, d. c. on d. c.) repeat 5 times, 3 d. c., ch. 2, d. c. on d. c.) repeat 5 times, 3 d. c., ch. 2, d. c. on d. c.) repeat 5 times, 3 d. c., ch. 2, d. c. on d. c.) repeat 5 times, 3 d. c., ch. 2, d. c.

The pattern may be copied more easily 'from illustration, so no further directions in detail will be given. Work backward and forward until 11 rows have been made, then decrease point each row for 10 rows. The point is decreased as follows: Ch. 4, skip 3 d. c. of preceding row, 7 d. c.

The edge is finished, after the desired length of lace is made, by making 1 fr. c. (ch. 5, fasten

of lace is made, by making 1 tr. c., (ch. 5, fasten in first st. of ch.) repeat twice, 1 tr. c. in same ch. loop, and repeat in each ch. loop except the ch. 2 loops in depth of scallops in which make 1 tr. c., 1 picot, 1 tr. c. and in each of the ch. 2 loops at each side of point, 1 tr. c., 2 picots, 1 tr. c., 2 picots, 1 tr. c.

#### Garments Needed by Red Cross for French Orphan Babies

These layettes can be made by individuals at home. Each outfit contains two dresses, one jacket, cape with hood, two pairs bootees, two woolen blankets, three fiannel binders, three undershirts, one hood, twelve diapers and bag undershirts, one hood, twelve diapers and bag of sundries.

Too much emphasis can not be placed upon using the material indicated or only such sub-

#### Conducted By Mrs. Wheeler Wilkinson

local or nearest Red Cross Chapters.
Dresses, two, use good quality outing fiannel. Cut with kimono sleeve. Make and finish well.
Jackst. one. may be of

Jacket, one, may be of flannel, outing, or cro-cheted of knitting wool. Cape with hood. Use pink or blue flannel, or good quality outing flannel.

A wrapping blanket, either knitted or cro-cheted one yard square, may be substituted for

the cape.

Bootees, two pairs, of pink, or blue and white wool, either knitted or

crocheted.

Biankets, two, allwool white blanketing,
twenty-eight inches
wide by thirty-two
inches long, and bound
with white blas muslin
from one to one and one
half inches wide, stitch-

half inches wide, stitched several times to be quite flat. The binding should be twice the

width and put on carefully so it will be even on both sides.

Flannel binders, three, made of white flannel, twenty-eight inches long and six inches wide. Merely a strip of flannel.

Diapers, twelve, white diaper cloth, twenty to twenty-two inches wide

and thirty-six inches long, hemmed on each

end.

wear.

Fold square in half and then fold again and join all edges together to form back of bonnet. Run an inch ribbon in and out around the

bottom and leave ends for tying.

The bonnet may be crocheted in single stitch back and forth, in the similar fashion.

Bag of Sundries Make bag of either pink or blue figured or striped cotton material, with tape drawing strings.

Contents. Six large safety pins, six medium

Piece of flannel or small case containing six needles. Spool of white sewing cotton and thimble. Cotton wash cloth either knitted or

safety pins, six small safety pins, one cake of soap, one box good talcum powder, small roll old linen.

of bath toweling.

Each layette should be made complete before it is delivered to a Red Cross Chapter. Fold each article and pack compactly then wrap up tightly in one of the diapers and pin securely with a correlative pine.

with several safety pins.

end.
Undershirts, three,
woven wool and cotton,
long sleeves. These may
be purchased or they
may be made from good
quality cast-off underwear, if the material
used is strong enough to
wear.

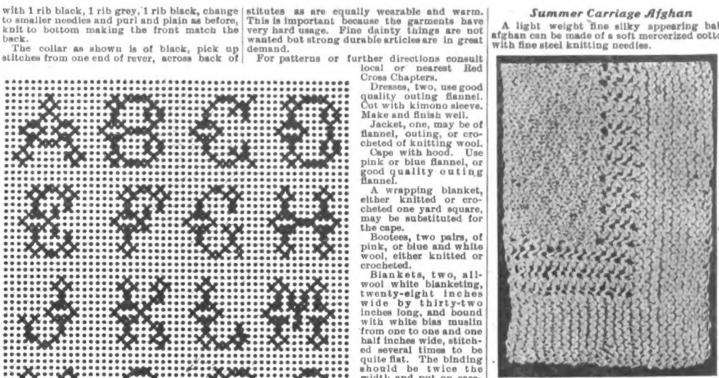
Bonnet one, knitted or crocheted of pale pink or blue worsted not too

or hid worsted not too fine. Begin with color and cast on stitches enough to knit a strip measuring fourteen

crocheted.

#### Summer Carriage Afghan

A light weight fine silky appearing baby afghan can be made of a soft mercerized cotton with fine steel knitting needles.



Cast on 40 stitches and knit across plain, back

and forth, for 10 rows.

11th row.—K. 10, o. n. 15 times.

12th row.—O. n. 15, k. 10, o. n. 15 times, k. 10, repeat, continue thus for 4-rows.

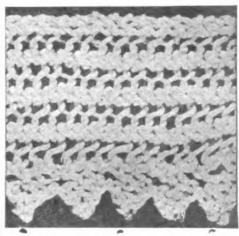
17th row.—K. 10, o. n. 3 times, k. 2, p. 2, alternative expectation.

10, c. n. 3 times, k. 2, p. 2, airternating across row.

18th row.—P. 2, k. 2 across row to o. n. 3 times, repeat, k. 10 for border sts. Continue thus every 2 rows reversing. This makes the little honeycomb squares. Make strips desired length. Knit all but 2 outside strips in squares, then sew strips together.

#### Edging for Afghan This can be used as a finish, or not, as one

Cast on 10 stitches and k. plain.



KNITTED EDGING FOR AFGHAN.

1st row.—K. 1, o. n. 4 times, o., k. 1.
2nd row.—K. 2, o. n. 4 times, k. 1.
3rd row.—K. 2, o. n. 4 times, k. 1, o., k. 2.
4th row.—Bind off 2 sts. to make the little scallop. In trimming afghan full lace on at corners.

MRS. DRENNAN.

When running rods through curtains, established by the several safety pins.

Shipping Directions

Completed outfits can be sent direct to the

#### To Save Curtains

#### Tatting and Corona. tion Braid

#### By Request

This pattern which is most

This pattern which is most effective for scarfs, guest towels or sash curtains of scrim, can be very quickly made.

In doing this work if a crochet hook is used to join the tatting instead of the old-fashioned method of using a sin the work. pin, the work grows more rapidly and no sore, pin-pinched fingers result.

If the worker is using a shut-tle which has a pick, a crochet hook will not be necessary.

The tatted edges are made of clover leaves alternated with a single ring. This ring and the center ring of each clover leaf being attached to the coro-

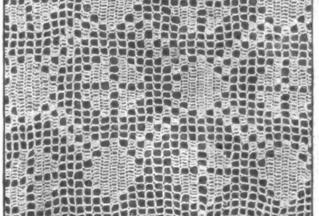
leaf being attached to the coronation braid as shown.

The rings which are made
with the shuttle only, each
have 9 picots with 2 double
stitches between, the scallops
or chains between, made with
thread and shuttle also have 9
picots with 2 d. s. between.

Mrs. F. L. SMITH.

#### Stronger Soldier's Socks

The hand-knit woolen socks ill last longer if a thread of soft finished mercerized cotton is worked into the toes and heels when knitting. Simply hold the thread with the wool and knit both together.



KNITTED SLIP-ON SWEATER. to bind off for next. Count stitches, from total

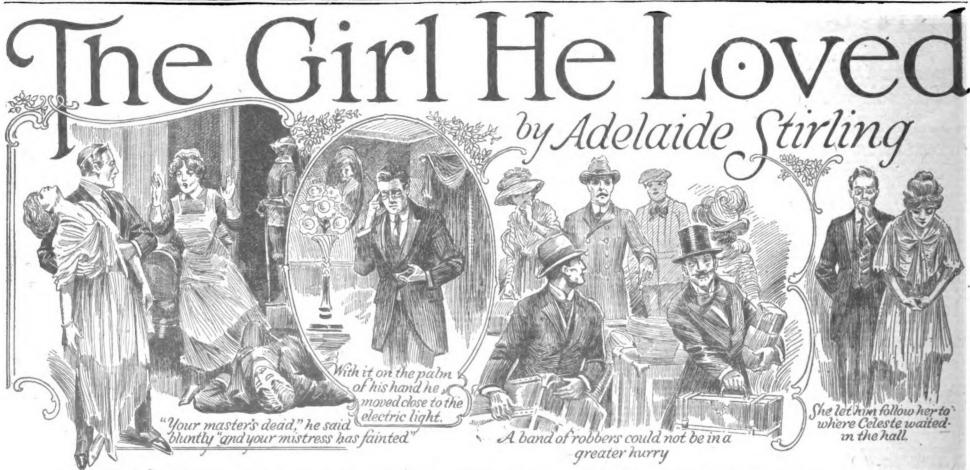
to bind off for next. Count stitches, from total number subtract 20, divide remaining number by two. For example having cast on 90 for back and 70 for each sleeve one has total of 230 stitches less 20, gives 110, half of which is 55.

From the wrist knit these 55 or whatever the number of stitches may be, slip off needle onto a pin or holder. Bind off 20 stitches for the seck, knit 55 or the remaining stitches, turn and knit 3 ribs on this sleeve from wrist to seck, then at neck end of work cast on 15 stitches, knit 20 ribs. Cast off loosely 20 or more stitches to correspond in number with the last lot of stitches cast on for sleeves.

Then knit 1 rib and cast off 15 stitches, repeat twice more or cast off 15 stitches 3 times. Knit

twice more or cast off 15 stitches 3 times. Knit fire more or cast off 15 stitches 3 times. Knit 6 ribs on remaining stitches and slip on pin. Pick up stitches on opposite side and work to match side which is finished. Join fronts and work 8 ribs across from side to side. Follow

SUMMER CARRIAGE AFGHAN.



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SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS.

Lady Annesley, stepmother to Sir Thomas and Ravenel Annesley, disapproves of Adrian Gordon, who is in love with Ravenel. Receiving an appointment to India Adrian seals his proposal and Ravenel's promise for an early marriage, by giving her a beautiful ring of diamonds and opals. Not daring to wear it she slips it on a ribbon on her neck. Ravenel bids Adrian good by, unconscious that their conversation, hed near the edge of a quarry is heard by Lady Annesley's confidential maid. Four days later Ravenel received Aronnore's party and names the following day for their marriage. Lady Annesley, apparently anxious for Ravenel to make a good appearance at the party provides her with a new dress. Ravenel is unsuspects the scheming woman and her designs on Lord Levallion, a former suitor for her hand, as Ravenel's future husband. Going to the party and not meeting Adrian, Ravenel, with a sob in her throat, wanders through the garden, where she meets Lord Levallion, not knowing it is he. Weary and wanting to go home he offers to take her there. Arriving home she hunts for the lost ring but does not find it. The next day Ravenel prepares for her wedding and waits for Adrian, who falls to meeting Adrian Game and Lord Levallion, the latter telling her of his cousin Adrian Gordon's departure for India. The Duchess of Avonmore, to Lord Levallion's delight, takes Ravenal and Sir Thomas to her home. Ravenal is invited to Hester Murray's to lunch and at the instigation of Lady Annesley she gives Ravenal the impression that there is a Mrs. Gordon. Believing Adrian false she marries Lord Levallion coming from the altar, the groom sees a woman in black with a child clinging to her hand and wonders if Ravenal notices her. Three months later Adrian Gordon is reported missing. Lord Levallion on the Was Differ to Leval Hongon and Lord Levallion is unable to determine where she lives. Riding alone, a new bungalow attracts his attention; going inside, he confront SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS are not. Ravenel insists that he hear her, and shows the letter. Levallion admits his wrong and his endeavor to make her happy and begs forgiveness. Lord Chayter asks for a headache cure used by Levallion. Ravenel goes to the room for it, and, returning, passes the bottle to Levallion, who, sniffing it suspiciously, declares it smells of almonds, and tasting it falls lifeless.

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CHAPTER XXIV.

ALONE WITH THE DEAD.

E'S poisoned; he's dying!"

It was many a day before any one in that room forgot the sound of Lady Levallion's soles. She crouched on the floor, holding Levallion as she had never satin gown.

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"Don't try to rouse her too much," Houghton returned, as if he were thinking of something else. "I'll give her something to make her sleep, by and by."

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He strolled into the next room as though to give Celeste time to put her mistress into bed, with the did not stay there. It was Lady Levallion's dressing-room, and opened, as he knew, into a passage that led to her husband's. Doctor Houghton went in quietly, perhaps to see if it would held the prome one had gone already.

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"Clear the room!" he said. "Send the ladies away. No, not you!" as Ravenel only clutched Levallion more fiercely. But when they were gone he tried none of the remedies he had brought with him. Adrian Gordon, Lord Levallion, had been dead this half-hour past. Very gently Houghton laid the handsome, dark head back on Lady Levallion's knees; and no one, she least of all, saw it was the living face, and not the dead, that he looked at so long and stendily.

"They hate her, and, if I'm not careful, she'll be hanged because a handful of women don't like her," he thought, after that long look at the girl Levallion had married. It was part of his trade to read faces. This one, if he knew anything, was innocent. For no guilty woman would ever have been utterly unconscious of self as this girl was; or could have sat clinging to the dead man as she did.

"If she'd done it, she'd be crying on a sofa," he was thinking, even while he listened to Lord Chayter's story of what had happened. "Or if she had nerve enough to touch him, her face would show the strain. She'd bare her lower teeth like they all do when they're guilty."

"Don't whisper, Lord Chayter," she said sharply. "You can't wake him! Doctor Houghton, it was I brought him the bottle—and owed him everything! He was kind—to me."

Every man in the room but Houghton knew that she and Levallion had quarreled that very night; not one of them knew how they had made it up again. But at the dreary, tearless voice, perhaps, only Jimmy Scarsdale did not feel a lump in his throat.

"Don't talk," said Houghton, gently. "Never mind us. You could not help what was in the bottle."

"I—Jacobs frightened me," she said vaguely. "But, oh! why don't you do something?"

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She looked up, caught Houghton's eyes, and felt frantically at Levallion's heart, that was

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"It doesn't beat!" she cried, like a frightened child. "I can't feel it. Levallion!" the cry rang out as it has done since the ages of ages; the useless, desperate call of the living to the dead. "Dear Lady Levallion." said Houghton softly, "he can't hear you! I got here too late."

She boked at him as if she were dazed. "Too late," she said; "it's all too late." She swayed forward till her face lay on the Levallion's breast that could shelter her no longer. "Let her lie!" said Houghton savagely. "It's the only kindness we can do her. Good God, are there no women in this house to come to her, that she is left to men? To me, who barely knows her?

"You sent the women away," said Scarsdale slowly.

slowly.

"And-if one of them had cared for her I might have ordered her out till I was black in the face." But he dared not say it aloud. He was tall, young, and strong; and he lifted Lady Levallion in his arms as if she had been a child. But, though he rang and rang her bedroom-bell, it was minutes before any one answered it. But the strong face of the French woman who came at last pleased him, also the little cry with which she ran to her mistress.

"Your master's dead," he said bluntly, "and your mistress has fainted. Help me to get her to bed. Where's Sir Thomas?" for it had suddenly come over him that Lady Levallion's brother was nowhere to be seen.

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"He ran out after his dog that came raging through the servants' hall a long time ago. He knew nothing."

"There's no doubt that he was poisoned, and with some preparation of prussic acid," he thought, staring idly before him. "And he did not do it himself, for there never was a man who loved life better than he. And he loved his wife, if ever I saw devotion in a human being. Now what, I wonder, made those women behave like that to her tonight, just as if they knew like that to her tonight, just as if they knew something to her discredit! I'll lay odds," grimly, "that when five women get together against one, there's nothing they don't think they know about her, especially when her looks beat them all. And every one of those women behaved inhumanly tonight." He pursed his clean-shaven lips as he tried to remember just on what terms Lady Levallion had been with her husband, and the only out-of-the-way thing that came to his mind was the night a strange woman had come to the door, and Lady Levallion had looked inwardly furious. "She probably had good reason to, if any kind friend had aired poor Levallion's past to her," he thought, with wrong-headed shrewdness. "Anyhow, I'm going to do my best for her till I find out she's guilty. If Levallion were here," with incongruous reasoning, "he'd like me to. I believe," tenderly, "he would have given even the devil fair play. At any rate, he wouldn't want his wife's name dragged in the dust, and it shan't be, if I can help it. Though, perhaps, I'm a fool with my foregone conclusions. No one's breathed a word against her." And yet he had known the second he entered the drawing-room that every soul in it thought Lady Levallion had murdered her husband.

"I don't believe it was any one in the house who did it," the man said to himself, because he was cross-grained to begin with, and had been rubbed the wrong way. "I'll go and find Sir Thomas. He ought to be with his siter instead of chasing dogs," and he turned the handle of the closed door that led into the corridor, instead of chasing dogs," and he hand he moved close to the electric light, and saw what it was. A tiny triangu

stop! What's this about your dog frightening her, and—"
"Nothing," said Tommy, drearily. "He went up with her, and I suppose he saw a cat or something. I found him raising Cain in the kitchen, and some one opened the door and let him out. I ran after him, but I lost him. When I came back they said you were with Ravenel, and I thought I'd get the coroner. How on earth, Doctor Houghton, did that bottle get poisoned? Levallion gave me some of it only a little before dinner."

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Half a mile off, the only soul who would have told him sat up on the death-bed that till now she had only half-believed in.

"Get Miss Ravenel," she cried clearly, loudly. "Get her, or they'll hang her."

"Hush, my poor soul!" said the farmer's wife ritifully.

"Lady Levallion, then!" the Umbrella clutched at the air as if to grasp the life that was leav-

ing her.

"I want to tell—I——" She turned suddenly rigid, a dreadful stiff figure, only its eyes alive.

"Tell her they'll murder him! they——"
She fell forward on the bed.

#### CHAPTER XXV.

A DEAD MAN'S SWEETHEART.

"Levallion's drawing-room!" said Houghton to himself, bitterly. "Inside his own house, that fools say is a man's safest place."

For he and his assistant had but now finished a hateful task, to Levallion's friend, and if there was doubt about who had killed Levallion, there was once about the poison that had done it.

"There was enough prussic acid in his stomach to kill a horse, let alone a man!" Houghtom thought, as his assistant departed with his ghasting paraphernalia. "And God knows what form it was given in, perhaps, but I don't."

With his own hands he made Levallion's body tready for his grave, but not even Houghton's skill could cross the dead hands on the breast. He lay as death had found him, with his arms outstretched to the woman he loved. Houghton drew the sheet up to the chin, and looked at the dead man's face.

Handsome, in a hard-bitter way, Levallion had face caught Houghton's breath.

Every saturnine line, every sardonic curve, had been wiped off it. Over the hard eyes the white lids were gentle; the lips that had been weary so many a day under the dark mustache were set in ineffable peace. For all the majesty of that still, set face, there was a strange youth in it, as though death had brought him gently to a very far land, where there were neither the lies nor the shams he had scorned—and the joy of it was written on the dead man's face.

"That was Levallion!" said Houghton, involuntarily. Perhaps no one but he had known that, until six months ago, when Ravenel came into it, adrian Gordon, Lord Levallion, had been weary of his life. Neither goodness, nor fair dealing, nor common chastity had the man ever met. Small wonder that his tongue was keen as his eyes, or that cynicism was written on the corners of his lips.

"The real Levallion, who had to die just as he cared to live. Well, God give his murderer justice!"

He did not know he spoke aloud, and he wheeled as some one answered him.

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"I beg your pardon!" said Houghton stupidly. For his life he could have made her no more sensible answer.

"I married him. I didn't love him——"

If he had not seen her speak, he would never have known it was Lady Levallion's voice.

"I—"

He looked at her sharply. Every bit of color was gone from her face. She was grayer than the dead man.

"Go and rest. You're doing no good here," he said sharply, as people speak to hysterical patients. But there was no hysteria in her narrowed eyes.

"How can I rest? It's all my fault," she said slowly.

being piled there, and it may be forgiven Doctor Houghton if he thought there might be some one among the house-party who could not get away fast enough.

"A band of robbers could not be in a greater hurry!" he thought, bitterly. And then his face lit up.

Some one inside the drawing-room door threw it open. A voice Houghton knew said authoritatively:

"Why do you say that? It's nonsense."

"I don't know why, but I feel—no, no! I don't mean it!"

She had broken off with terror in her voice, and for the first time Houghton doubted her. Yet a woman in grief will say anything. And in grief she was, for, as if she were alone, she fell on her knees by Levallion.

"I'd have died for you a hundred times, rather than this!" she was whispering in the ears that could not hear. "If you could only know that, I could bear it!"

Houghton turned away sharply to the door, so that no one else should see what was between two people—the living and the dead. The awful incongruity of the whole thing came over him.

"I went for him." Sir Thomas Annesiey looked fifty years old. "Was it right?"

Houghton nodded. But it came over him suddenly that if there were things he did not know, the coming of the coroner would be the beginning of the end for Lady Levallion.

"Go to your sister." he said, gently. "But, stop! What's this about your dog frightening her, and—"
"Nothing," said Tommy, drearily. "He went up with her, and I suppose he saw a cat or something. I found him raising Cain in the kitchen, and some one opened the door and let him out. I ran after him, but I lost him. When I came back they said you were with "Ravenel, and I came back they said you were with "Ravenel, and I shut eyes."

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"You believed in me, you trusted me," she said, very low, but in the silent room the whisper carried. "Oh, wherever you are, trust me still! Even if I—hold my tongue."

Doctor Houghton felt suddenly and physically sick. Then he remembered he had no right to have listened. No right to judge any woman who was mad with grief, as this one was. He went to her, to try and get her away, and something in her attitude made the suspicion in him die down again. Lady Levallion was crouched close to the dead man's breast, pressed to him as a child in trouble to his mother. Whatever she meant to be silent about, it was not any guilt of her own. For, as if it were her only refuge, she was clutching Levallion's body. "Come to your brother," said Houghton softly. "Come away."

"I only want Levallion." she said very pitifully.

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"He was kind to me," in the old parrot cry, "Let me stay with him."

The man nodded, because he could not speak. In spite of himself, he was assured that even if Lady Levallion got up at the inquest and swore that she herself had killed her husband, it would not be true.

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Piease write only on one side of the paper, and recipes on a separate sheet.

Always give your correct and full name and address, very plainly written; otherwise your letter will receive no attention.

Address Mrs. Wheeler Wilkinson, Care Comfort, Augusta, Mains.

HAT was your best vacation, and why? This is hardly vacation season, but it will be by the time the May number is sent out and answers to

number is sent out and answers to the above question are received and printed. By "best vacation" I mean something within the limits of ordinary working people who have only two or three weeks' time and a small amount of money to spend. Don't think your vacation was too unimportant and too uninteresting to write about, for it may be the very idea that will help someone else, and that is what our department is for, isn't it?—Ed.

28th Battalion, 15th Platoon, 2nd Division, D. Co. Somewhere in France.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON:

Somewhere in France.

Will you kindly print this letter? I wish to thank all the Comfort sisters who have written me such kind and cheerful letters. I wish I could write to each one personally and make her understand what letters are to the boys so far from home; we don't have much spare time over here and this letter will have to do for all. I want to thank each one for the fine parcels, which I have shared with the boys who are not as lucky as I am.

I would like to tell you something about army life, but that isn't allowed. Again I say I thank you for your kindness to my dear mother and me, and to the boy readers of Comfort, "Come on, boys, the water's fine."

fine."

Let us all do our bit and may God be with us all.

Yours truly,

PRIVATE GUY ENGLESBY, No. 888251.

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Private Guy Englesby.—You are the first man to gain entree into our circle, as we have made it a rule never to print letters from men, at though we frequently receive very interesting ones, but in this instance I think we are justified in breaking that rule and we hope you will find time for another letter to us. May God watch over you and keep you, is the prayer of Compared to the following that rule and we hope you will find the cover you and keep you, is the prayer of Compared to the following time for another letter to us. May God watch over you and keep you, is the prayer of Compared to the following time for another letter to us. May God watch bear staff and its many readers.—Ed.

Lebanon, Tenn.

Dear Comport Sisters:

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DEAR COMFORT SISTERS:

Tell me please, has Mrs. Wilkinson a goat who holds the same office and performs the same duties as does Uncie Charlie's Billy the Goat? I almost believe she has, as I made an attempt some time ago to get into your circle by letter but met with failure. It's a waste basket, is it? Well, I believe I prefer a goat, for a waste basket seems the receptacle of only that which is beneath notice. While I'm quite sure my letter was of that type, I don't want the others to think so, too. And here I am telling you about it. But in spite of the reception she gave my letter, Mrs. Wilkinson is a dear, and we can't all get space for our letters, can we?

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Sisters I wish to make a plea for home charity and the supreme charity of the world. Let's have more of it in our hearts and manifested in our lives. Our Savior teaches us that charity is the greatest and most beautiful virtue of the soul and life. How the world needs the supreme charity at this point of its history, and it is something all can have and give; the most humble hut dweller can and may contribute to its treasury. Let me quote from the pen of William George Jordan. His words far more fitly describe and explain this charity than mine. This is from his book entitled, "The Kingship of Self-Control." It is a small book, judged by dimensions and weight, but a great book in theory and lesson. Read it. This is what he says: "Giving food, clothing and money to the poor is quily the beginning of real charity. Charity has higher, purer forms of manifestation. Charity is but an instinctive reaching out for justice in life. Charity seeks to smooth down the rough places of living, to bridge the chasms of human sin and folly, to feed the hearthungry, to give strength to the struggling, to be tender with human weakness, and greatest of all, it means obeying the divine injunction, "Judge not." We never see the target a man aims at in life; we only see the target he hits. We judge from results. We condemn unheard our dear friends around us on mere circumstantial evidence. We know nothing of the trials, sorrows and temptations of those around us, of pillows wet with tears, of the life tragedy that may be hidden behind a smile, of the secret cares, struggles and worries that shorten life. There are times with some of us when life seems a living death from which there is no relief and when we seem isolated and separated from the rest of humanity as if we were living on another planet."

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Dear friends, let's keep all these facts in mind when prone to judge others and instead of judging let's give the helping hand the kind word or even just a cheerful, friendly smile.

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About the home charity. Don't you think we, in our zeal to help the suffering ones across the great waters, are likely to forget those at our own doors who sadly need our help? Let's remember them too. I'm not discouraging the giving of aid to the war sufferers, far from it, for I think it a grand and good work, but don't forget those of our homeland.

We should make a greater effort than ever to be cheerful, to give comfort and encouragement to the sad hearts which are around us, the lonly ones who have itear ones in our camps or in France. I know we feel less like being cheerful than ever but let's bravely fight and help at home while our young men are bravely fighting for us at the front.

I get very lonely, so would like to receive letters from any between the ages of twenty-one and thirty-five. Will answer all I can.

Long live Comfort and all connected with it.

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MISS ZELLA PRICHARD.

Miss Zella.—It's a waste basket, but do not bemoan the fate of your first letter, for some-where I have read that Kipling's "Recessional" was rescued from the waste basket by his wife, was rescued from the waste basket by his wife, and there are other gems of literature that have been rejected or consigned to waste baskets only to become famous later. Perhaps your letter belonged to that class. We'll think so anyway, so come again.—Ed.

heart yearns for affection from a husband who has little use for such foolishness. How many there are in this world, suffering from that same tack of love. The best advice I can alve is this. Meet him half way, make him want you, he just as independent as he is this will nearly crush you, but you will soon learn to, wilk accound him with the same attitude he shows toward you. You wouldn't want what did not come from the heart, therefore if he has no love in his heart for you, you don't want pretension.

Next comes a New Jersey sister who is bearing the great burden of loneliness and her lity because the one she hoped to wed was a slacker. Sister, read and look around you and see what you have escaped in the way of sadness and trouble, then time up that whistle and looks your trouble and soul disturbing forms.

"Sing away your trouble and soul disturbing fears; Smile away your sorrows, your heart-aches and your tears Let the sunshine follow you through all the coming

Sing a song of gladness forever.

'Look above the trials that abound on every hand; Keep a stock of courage always at command, Sometime in the future you will understand— Sing a song of gladness forever.

"When the day is gloomy, songs will make it bright; When the burden's heavy, smiles will make it light Sunshine will follow in the trail of darkest night— Sing a song of gladness forever.

"Just a song of sunshine, let it flood the heart,
And the bars of sorrow it will rend apart;
Whisper words that courage in some soul will start—
Sing a song of gladness forever."

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To those longing for and not receiving attentions, to those longing for and not receiving attentions, and works with machinery on other farms. She gets I would say—get busy. Raise something—chickens, vegetables, flowers, orphans, and, above all things, read. There is nothing to soothe a crushed heart like work. Then remember the story of King David, who wanted to build a house for his lord. But his lord had something else for him to do, and that something else was better than David had planned. To the husbands of these heart-hungry women, why did you marry? You would have fought your way through fire or snow to be there on your wedding day. That which you thought was everlasting affection seems to

Clean Up! The Get the Genuine General All-Around and Avoid Cleaner Waste Economy in Every Cake

have been only a bonfire. Remember, a woman's nature requires love, and if you do not supply her with that love there are always those who are willing and then God pity both.

Many are living lives of duty without a word of praise or affection, just plodding along. I know one woman who is no more than a slave. Her husband was eager to marry her, but now, living on a farm of five hundred acres, she is left alone for days and sometimes weeks to do all the work, at seasons when he works with machinery on other farms. She gets nothing but smarls. She has no near neighbors and when she falls behind with her sewing or housework, he asks what she was doing that she didn't get it done. Sisters, make the beat of your lives and remember there are heavier burdens untold.

Wishing you success, Mas. Hattie D. Miller.

we are changed in many ways at twenty-nine from what we used to be and it isn't always sadness or sorrow that makes the change either. Why look forward to such a lonely life? I've often heard that very few marry their first love. I didn't, and I am happier now than when I was a girl.

If you don't think you could adopt a child and do justice by it, why not adopt a mother or an aunt, for there are many elderly women who would be glad to share your home and your love, no matter how humble the home might be, for they are just as lonely as you and need your love, for love counts and an institute is not a home. Don't you think if you ask God that He will show you what your work is? Write me out the will show you what your work is?

some time.

M. B., dear little friend, write me asking any questions you like and I will do my best to help you.

We live in a prairie country about one hundred miles from the Glazier National Park.

How many of the sisters would like COMPORT to publish educational travel stories instead of the con-

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# Comfort Sisters' Recipes

ICE lends variety to our wheatless and meatless days and while in itself it lacks the necessary protein, fat and flavoring to make up a well-balanced meal, that can be supplied by the addition of milk, cheese, eggs and meat, with butter and tomatoes for fat and flavoring, though the latter may be governed by your tastes and pocketbook, as bacon fat and onions, or anything else that your food shelves contain, will answer the purpose equally as well. For sweet dishes add syrup or preserved fruits.

Pick over carefully and wash thoroughly one cup of rice and put it in one quart of boiling salted water and let it boil for fifteen minutes, shaking the pan instead of stirring the rice. Try it by pinching a few grains between the fingers. If the grains are plump and soft, drain off the water and set the dish uncovered, on the back of the stove. Two teaspoons of lemon juice added to the water in which rice is boiled makes it whiter.—Ed.

Rice, Ham and Eggs.—Use the remnants of cold

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dish.

CREAM OF RICE SOUP.—One quart of chicken broth, one half cup of rice, one pint of cream, or part milk and cream, one small onion, one stalk of celery and salt and pepper to taste. Wash rice and cook with onion and celery; strain, add the seasoning and the cream which has been heated, then the chicken broth, which has also been heated.

Rice and Tomatons.—Peel and slice five large toma-

which has also been heated.

RICE AND TOMATOES.—Peel and slice five large tomatoes or take an equal quantity of canned tomato, and chop two sweet peppers. In a buttered baking dish spread a layer of tomatoes, cover with cooked rice and chopped peppers and season with salt and pepper and sugar if desired. Add another layer of tomatoes, and so on till dish is full, having a layer of tomatoes last. Sprinkle with bread crumbs, dot with pieces of butter, and bake covered half an hour and uncovered for fifteen minutes.

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RICE WITH TOMATOES AND CHEESE.—Wash one cup of rice and sift slowly into four cups of boiling water, salted. Boil twenty-five minutes, stirring occasionally. When done, drain and add one half can of tomatoes and pour into vegetable dish and cover with grated cheese. Place in oven till cheese melts.

RICE AND MEAT BALLS.—Scald one half cup of milk and add one cup of cold, cooked rice, one cup of chopped meat, left-overs may be used, two teaspoons of butter, salt and pepper to taste. Stir well, add one egg, well beaten, cook a minute longer and remove from fire. When cold, form in balls, dip in beaten egg and crumbs, let stand an hour and then fry in hot fat until brown.

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ITALIAN RICE.—Blend two teaspoons each of butter and flour, add two cups of grated cheese and three cups of hot water. Stir rapidly until melted and when perfectly smooth pour this sauce over three cups of freshly cooked rice. Serve hot.

RICE AND CHEESE RABERT.—Boil one quarter cup of rice in water until tender, drain, add one and one half cups of milk and two tablespoons of flour, mixed with a little cold water. Let this boil, add sait and pepper and remove from fire and add one cup of cheese, chopped fine. Stir until cheese is melted and serve on small crackers.

RICE AND FRUIT MOLD.—Put one cup of well-washed ce in a double boiler with one teaspoon of sait, and rice in a double boller with one teaspoon of salt, and cover with two cups of bolling water. Steam one hour, then remove cover and stir with fork until dry. Soak quarter of a box of gelatine in half a cup of cold



RICE AND FRUIT MOLD.

water until soft. Soak the grated rind of one lemon in one cup of boiling water ten minutes: strain and reheat and pour over gelatine. Add quarter of a cup of lemon juice and one cup of sugar. When the sugar I can keep silent no longer. I have listened to the self-secrets and soul longings of so many that my sympathy reaches out to all and I would like to talk to every one.

crumbs, with sage, one chopped onion and sait and pepper to taste. Have ready one pint of any kind of cold chopped meat. Into a buttered baking tin spread a layer of rice and bread, then a layer of meat and so on till dish is nearly full: add a little milk and dot with pieces of butter. Bake in hot oven fifteen or twenty minutes.

RICE CAKES.—To one cup of cooked rice add one cup of chopped nut meats, one boiled egg, chopped fine and season with salt and pepper. Mix well together and form into small cakes; put in greased pan, sift grated cheese over top of cakes and bake a few minutes in hot oven.

RICE AND VEGETABLES.—Line a mold with boiled rice. Fill center with a mixture of vegetables, left from dinner, cover with rice and place over hot water until thoroughly heated. Turn out on hot platter and cover with white sauce, to which some grated cheese has been added.

CASSEROLN OF LAMB.—Chop fine one and one half cups of meat, season with sage, onion, celery, sait and pepper. Moisten with hot milk and pack into a mold which has been lined with rice, one inch deep. Cover with rice and steam one half hour. Turn onto heated platter and serve with to-mato sauce.

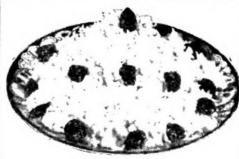
GRID-RICE G One cup of cold boiled rice, one egg, one pint of one pint of cream and a little salt; add about two cups of flour, or en ough to make batter, into which has been sifted one half teaspoon of soda and one teaspoon cream

RICE PUFFS.

—One cup of milk, one cup of flour and one cup of boiled rice, two eggs, beaten separately, a little sait, and one teaspoon of butter. Beat well together and cook in quick oven, in gem pans.

RICE OMELET.—Warm a cup of cold boiled rice in one cup of milk, add one tablespoon of butter. Stirwell and add three eggs, well beaten, and a little sait. Pour omelet in buttered frying pan, when hot, and let cook a minute, then put in oven to set.

STEAMED RICE WITH RAISINS.—In a double boiler put two and one half cups of milk and half a teaspoon of salt. When it reaches boiling heat, gradually stir in one cup of rice and one third cup of seeded



RICE AND RAISINS.

Stir occasionally until the rice begins to swell. Cook until soft. Two tablespoons of sugar added is preferrer by some. Serve with butter, cream or syrup.

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RICE AND CORN MEAL WAFFLES.—Sift together one half cup of flour, one teaspoon sait and one half tea spoon soda, add one cup boiled rice, three teaspoon melted butter, one half cup corn meal, one cup butter milk and two eggs, well beaten. Stir briskly and cook in well-greased waffle irons.

RICE WAFFLES.—To one cup of freshly boiled rice add three teaspoons of butter and the well-beaten yolks of three eggs. Put two cups of sour cream, or milk, into another dish and add one teaspoon of sods. Combine the two mixtures, add one teaspoon of sait and flour enough to make a thick batter. Last of all add the whites of three eggs, beaten to a stiff froth. Cook on well-greased and heated waffle irons.

RICE CAKES.—Boll rice until it is soft and while still warm make into balls. Dip these into beaten egg and then into corn meal until thoroughly coated. Fry these in hot fat and serve with maple syrup.

JELLIED RICE WITH FRUIT.—Soften two tablespoons of gelatine in three tablespoons of milk, then add three cups of scalded milk and stir until gelatine is thoroughly dissolved. Let cool, flavor and just as it begins to set, stir in one cup of cooked rice. Turn into molds and set aside until firm. Serve with fruit, fresh or canned. fresh or canned.

RICE FRITTERS.—Boll one cup of rice in one cup of milk until the rice is cooked soft and the milk is absorbed. Take from fire and let cool slightly, add the yolks of two eggs, one tablespoon of sugar, four teaspoons of butter and a pinch of salt. Let cool and add the whites of eggs, beaten to stiff froth. Drop by spoonfuls in hot fat and fry to golden brown. Serve with sance. spoonfuls in with sauce.

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RICE CAKES.—Mix one cup of cold boiled rice with the beaten yolks of two eggs, two stablespoons of milk and two heaping tablespoons of flour sifted with one half teaspoon baking powder. Have the whites whipped to a stiff froth and add the rice mixture gradually, beating constantly. Dip by tablespoonfuls onto a hot, greased griddle and cook until brown on both sides. Serve with honey or jelly.

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RICE GENES.—Beat one egg until light, add two teaspoons butter, and one cup of milk: beat one cup of rice with this until smooth, and add one cup of flour, one half teaspoon of sait and two teaspoons baking pow der. Bake fifteen or twenty minutes.

RICE AND CHICKEN CROQUEFIES.—One cup of boiled rice, one half cup of milk, two tablespoons of butter, one teaspoon of sait, one cup of chopped chicken and one teaspoon of sait, one cup of chopped chicken and one teaspoon. When this boils, add egg and cook one minute. Spread on platter to cool. Shape into balls, dip in egg and crumbs and fry in hot fat.

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Flake and mix with four boiled potatoes, two tablespoons of cream and the yolks of two eggs. Season with sait and pepper and shape into cones. Dip in egg and bread crumbs, brush with melted butter and set in oven for fifteen minutes.

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Surprise (Akk.—One egg, one cup sugar, one half cup butter, one cup sweet milk, one teaspoon of soda, two teaspoons of cream of tartar, flavor, and flour to make medium thick dough.

Mrs. C. P. S., Scranton, Pa.

Sponge Ginger (Akk.—Two cups of flour, two tablespoons of butter, one teaspoon of gluger, one half teaspoon of salt and one cup of molasses. Mix well and add one cup of boiling water in which is stirred one teaspoon of soda.

teaspoon of soda.

Chocolate Pedding.—One pint of boiling milk, one half cup of sugar, one quarter teaspoon of salt, two tablespoons corn starch, and two scant tablespoons of cocoa. Mix corn-starch and cocoa and dissolve in cold milk before adding to boiling milk. Flavor with vanilla.

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vanilla. Grace C., Augusta, Me. Home-Made Butter.—Take a three-pound lard pail, set it in a dish or pan of warm water, put in two cups of sweet milk, one pound of butter cut into small pieces and one teaspoon of sail. Take out of the water and beat up with an egg beater until soft like whipped cream. It will harden quickly and you will have two pounds of butter.

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CHICKEN SALAD.—Two cups of left-over chicken, cut
in cubes, one cup of diced celery, one quarter cup diced
pickles or clives, one quarter cup pimento, chopped.
Mix together, moisten with dressing and garnish with
stuffed olives. Ella Daffee, Pleasant Dale, Neb.

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GINGER SNAPS.—One large cup of sugar, one cup
of beef drippings, or lard, one cup molasses, one haif
cup hot water, one teaspoon soda, one tablespoon ginger, and any other desired spices, pinch of sait and
flour enough to make a stiff dough.

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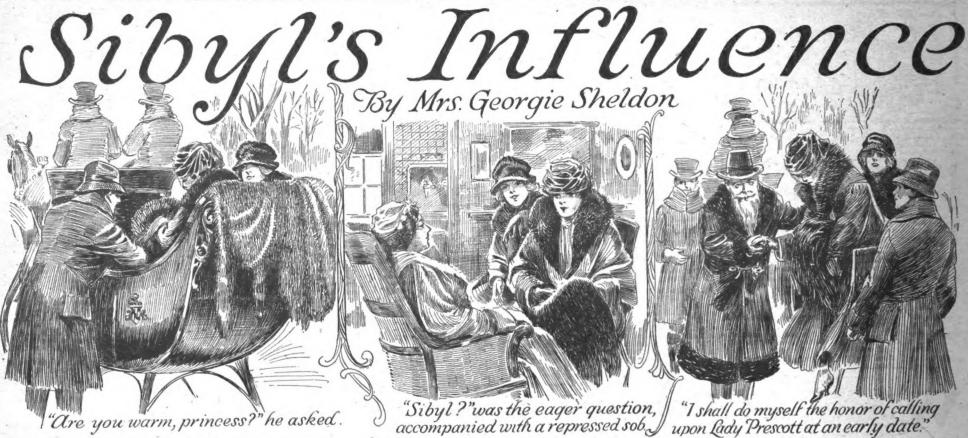
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Lady Prescott, wife of Sir Athelstone Prescott, and her son Raymond, while traveling by coach, lose their way, and night overtaking them. they stop at a miserable, inn, in a little fishing village on Flamborough Head. They are attracted to a little girl, Sibyl, who waits on them. Her winning ways, her admittance of the cruel blows given by Mistress Sloan, and that her own mother would not do it, convince them that he innkeeper is not her father, and they determine to take the child away. Seeking Mistress Sloan, they learn that a woman who had been in a railroad smash up and injured leaves the child, who for weeks cries for Nansie. Mistress Sloan, for the consideration of thirty pounds, consents to left the child go, muttering she will keep her secrets. That night Sibyl is awakened and overhears Jem and his wife talking over the terms of the bargain, and through a chink in the wall she detects the place where an lavaluable trinket, belonging to her, is concealed. The next morning she secures it. To Lady Prescott that the gem is Sibyl's, and by it she may be restored to her own people. Five years later, her inneteenth birthday, 'Lady Prescott introduces her to society. She clasps a beautiful chain, to which is suspended the trinket, around her neck, and with Raymond they seek the drawing-room, where with Lady Prescott Sibyl assists in receiving the guests. Raymond, watching and anxious, admits to his mother how beautiful Sibyl is, and that no one attracts him as she does, and that his mother has the first right to his confidence. She will like nothing better than to keep her children with her. Sibyl is introduced to Miss Ada Therwin, the adopted daughter of Count Egbert Shirley and the guest of General Maplewood. Selzed with a sudden faintness, Miss Therwin is carried to a quiet room. Sibyl says she supposes it belonged to her mother, asking permission from Lady Prescott for Sibyl's friendship, Miss Therwin promises to call. Sibyl has a

## CHAPTER XV.

AYMOND led Sibyl to the picture gallery—a long, narrow room, exquisitely finished and furnished, and containing an exceedingly rare and costly collection of paintings, statuary and bric-a-brac of every description.

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The young couple passed from piece to piece, enjoying to the utmost the beauties surrounding them on every hand.

"What a delightful day this has been!" sighed Sibyl, as they stood before the last picture, bestowing at the same time an unconscious look of gratitude and pleasure upon Raymond, as if, somehow, he had been the author of it all.

"Do pictures give you so much pleasure, then?" he asked, leading her out through a wide arch toward the conservatory.

"Yes, pictures, and—everything," she answered, softly.

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"What a happy child you are, princess, to be so easily amused," Raymond exclaimed, with a laugh and a fond glance.

"How can one be otherwise than happy when the world is so beautiful and everybody so delightful?"

"I trust that the glasses through which you

lightful?"
"I trust that the glasses through which you view the world will never lose their couleur de rose. I fear, however, that when you begin your mission of charity, you will think there are some dark blots upon its fairness," Raymond said, grayely.

dark blots upon its fairness, "Raymond said, gravely.
"Not for me, Ray, if I can only brighten or beautify it ever so little for others."
Raymond looked into the fair face beside him, while a sort of awe stole over him.
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"Who taught you these things, princess?" he asked, with a thoughtful, earnest look.

"I do not think any one ever particularly taught me to think of these things; they come to me—they always came to me. Sometimes I think the sea gave them to me to beautify my lonely childhood, for I used to sit hours on the rocks and listen to the gentle lapping of the waters against their rugged sides, and it always seemed as if voices were talking with me."

"Shall I tell you what the sea always talks to me about?" he asked with a luminous smile.

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"Well, Ray, what does the sea say to you?" Sibyl asked, as the silence was becoming awkward, and wondering what had made him grow so suddenly absent and serious.

"It speaks to me of a great many grand and beautiful things, dear, although I do not think I have ever received such spiritual impressions as you speak of. But there is one train of thought which is always suggested whenever I hear its roar, and see its bright and sparkling waves. He paused a moment as if uncertain how to go on: then continued:

"It takes me back in spirit to the chill November day, when, cold and weary, and out of temper, I was obliged to spend the night at a certain inn on a bleak and dismal coast. I always see a sweet child, abused, neglected, but meekly fulfilling her wretched and unfitting task. I always hear a little suppressed cry of pain, and see the look of forced and proud endurance, which then, as always, made me miserable over the suffering I had unwittingly caused. I recall the haughty resentment and scornful rejection of my peace-offering, and I received a lesson at that time concerning almsgiving, which I have never forgotten. I see a little form flitting here and there, careful, attentive, and deft at serving the weary strangers—I hear a sob over the dead 'Lily of Astolat,' and note the rapt, breathless attention which follows the fortunes of Sir Lancelot and Queen' Guinevere."

Sibyl here laid her hand upon Raymond's arm, and he could feel the quiver which ran through every slender finger.

He captured that soft hand in a firm, strong reassuring clasp, while a deep tenderness crept into the words which followed.

"I have only a little more to tell you, Sibyl, but there is a reason why I want you to know how, step by step, I have followed and watched over you ever since—how, little by little, this strange walf, of whom I have been telling you, twined herself a

loves the one woman whom he wife.

"Sibyl, words are weak, but my heart is full and strong with this great love, which henceforth must be the moving principle of my lifemy whole future hangs upon this moment. Oh! princess, what does your own heart say in reply? Will it give me the blessed boon I crave?"

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Her eyes were cast down, and she sat so still, and apparently unmoved, that, but for the fierce throbbing of her pulses, which Raymond could feel through the delicate glove, she would have seemed like some beautiful piece of sculpture.

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As for Sibyl herself, a solemn wonder had taken possession of her.

It seemed as if she had suddenly been transported into another and more beautiful existence, and the glory of it had, for the moment, dazzled and bewildered her.

Now she knew why his every tone had thrilled her so since his return, and she had so jealously wrapped herself in her mantle of reserve lest he should discover it.

She loved this grand, kingly man, and had been growing to love him all these years!

"Sibyl!"

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"Sibyl!"
The deep, tender, beseeching tones brought her to herself.
She started, and wave after wave of rich color swept over brow and cheek, neck and arms.
The dark lashes quivered irresolutely for a moment, and then her clear, truthful eyes sought

his.

"Ray"—and his heart leaped at the new sweetness in her tones, low as they were—"I never dreamed until this moment that you could love me thus, nor that the feeling which has been growing in my own heart for you was—love!"

A sudden glad light transfigured Raymond Prescott's whole face at this ingenuous though rether direct confession.

"Yes, do, please; it seems as if it must speak to everybody." she answered.
"Come with me, then, to that rustic seat beneath the palm yonder, for it is a long story, princess."

He led her to a beautiful spot—a sort of semicircular bower, formed by several choice palm trees, within which there was an inviting seat, just wide enough for two to sit comfortably.
Raymond's face assumed a graver look than usual as he seated himself beside his companion and glanced somewhat anxiously into her unconscious countenance.

He had resolved that the most important question of his life's happiness should be decided now.

But notwithstanding this decision, his lips for the moment were sealed and he fell into thought."

"I shall certainly take care that you fulfill it

"I hope, however, you will be better satisfied with the way I shall keep this one," she said, flushing.

"I shall certainly take care that you fulfill it soon, and in a way to satisfy me, too, my princess," Raymond returned, with a meaning look, which made her happy eyes droop quickly again. "What a beautiful view you have of the conservatory from here!" interrupted a voice close beside them.

Raymond turned quickly, and saw Miss Therwin standing so near that her white draperies lay against his foot.

He bit his lips with vexation at being thus disturbed, and wondered how long she had been there, and how much she had heard.

Sibyl, however, seemed not in the least disturbed; beyond her first quick, startled glance, she had not betrayed any embarrassment, and, looking full in Miss Therwin's eyes, she replied, with a smile:

"Yes, and I think it is the loveliest hothouse I was ever in. Are you fond of flowers?"

"Exceedingly," Miss Therwin responded, with a searching glance into the pure face.

It was so calm, so unconscious, that she heaved an involuntary sigh of relief.

"There can have been no love passages," she said to herself, "or she would not be so self-possessed."

said to nersell, for she would be possessed."

She had yet to learn a great deal more regarding Sibyl's powers of self-control.

"I have been looking for you," she continued, with her eyes still upon her beautiful face, "to tell you that I will call for you at eleven to-morrow. I forgot to name the hour this morning."

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"Thank you. I will be ready. Are you enjoying yourself tonight?"

"Quite well; and you?"

"Very, much," Sibyl answered, with a little heightening of her color, which Ada did not fail to notice.

"My darling, do you not think I have been very considerate and patient?" Raymond asked, taking Sibyl's fair face in both his hands, and bending toward her.

They had just returned from Lady Wilton's, and he drew her gently back as she was about going upstairs to her own rooms.

"In what respect, Ray?" she asked with a smile.

"I have not yet asked you to set your seal to the compact which we made tonight."
"Must it have my sign manual?" she asked, blushing, and yet with a little laugh at his way

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hushing, and yet with a little laugh at his way of speaking. This will do as well, perhaps," and, drawing her rosy face nearer, the bent to show her what he meant. "There," he added, mischlevously, "I could not let you go until that was settled, and tomorrow I shall ask you to put on a more visible seal." Sibyl's eyes beamed brightest joy on him for an instant, and then she darted away to hide her burning cheeks, while he watched the last flutter of her silken garments as she tripped lightly up the broad stairs, and then sought his own rooms, believing himself the happiest man in all the world.

#### CHAPTER XVI.

PROGRESS OF THE PLOT.

At eleven precisely on the following morning, General Maplewood's elegant sleigh, with its nettlesome steeds, stopped before Sir Athelstone Prescott's door, and Miss Therwin sent the footman to ring for Sibyl.

She was ready and waiting, and Raymond came out with her, carefully assisting her into the sleigh, and tucking the robes securely around her.

her.
There was an air of proprietorship and tender ness in the young man's manner, and a new brightness in Sibyl's face today, which Miss Therwin did not fail to remark and deplore with

Therwin did not fall to remark and deplore with inward savageness.

"What have you been doing to yourself this morning, Sibyl?" she asked, with a searching glance, adding, with a secret sneer:

"It seems to me that you blossom out like a flower more and more every day."

"What a pretty compliment, Ada!" laughed the happy girl, wholly unconscious of the jealous anger which her matchless beauty aroused in her companion's heart. "And," she added, with a conscious blush, as she met Raymond's eye, "it is quite a rarity to receive anything of the kind from one's own sex, I believe."

"Then you'll credit me with being exceedingly open-hearted, I hope," she said, wondering what the girl would think if she could really read her heart.

heart.

Then, turning to Raymond, she continued:
"Mr. Prescott, I shall have to get you to impart to me the secret of this young lady's beautifying process, or I shall soon be losing all the honors which I have hitherto gained."

"Which request implies that you believe I am acquainted with Sibyl's mysteries in that matter," Raymond replied, with an amused smille, and a sparkle of mischief in his eyes, as he turned them upon his betrothed.

"Do you keep her in a conservatory?" demanded Ada, remarking the delicate pink which was creeping into Sibyl's cheeks.

"I cannot be so ungallant as to betray any secrets, Miss Therwin," laughed Raymond; "but of one thing I can assure you, that we do not believe in hothouse development; it is dangerous, to say the least," and he gave Sibyl's hand a little squeeze under cover of the buffalo, to remind her off Miss Therwin's interruption in the conservatory at Lady Wilton's the night before.

Evidently Miss Therwin understood that he was shooting a lance at her, for she changed color ever so little.

"I agree with you there, Mr. Prescott. Hothouse productions are not lasting—their growth is too rapid and unnatural, and they soon die," she retorted.

Raymond smiled, but the look in his eye did not betray any fear that the hope which had bloomed for him last night in Lady Wilton's hothouse would soon die.

"Are you warm, princess?" he asked.

"I should be very unappreciative if I should say I am not after all your care," she replied.

"Very well, then, be careful of yourself, and come back as safely as you start," and touching his hat, he watched them as they went smoothly dying down the street.

"Mr. Prescott is very fond of you, Sibyl, is he not?" Ada remarked, after they were well on their way.

"I suppose it is natural he should feel a care over me, considering that we have been members of the same family so long," Sibyl answered, quietly, but the heavy lashes hid the tender light which Miss Therwin's words had called into her dark eyes.

"He is considerably older than you, I believe."

"Yes—seven years."

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Sibyl could not then have told why, but this high tribute to her lover grated harshly on her ears, and she made no reply.

A ride of fifteen or twenty minutes brought them to Algeria street, and the sleigh stopped before a plain, brick tenement house.

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Miss Therwin led the way up two flights of stairs, and rapped upon the first door on the right of the hall.

A low voice bade them enter, which they did, and found themselves in a good-sized room, comfortably carpeted and furnished.

Leading from this, Sibyl saw another room, which appeared to be used as a kitchen, for there was a cooking-stove in it, and a large cupboard, with glass doors, which contained dishes.

Near a sunny window, in a large rocking-chair, sat a rather stout, dark-haired, pale-faced woman, clad in a soft gray wrapper, with folds of snowy lace crossed upon her bosom. A spotless and tasteful cap adorned her hair, which lay in great rich waves against her brow.

Her eyes were large, bright, and of midnight blackness, and but for her face, which was rather pale, Sibyl thought her new charge appeared to be in very good health and condition.

Judith, for we recognize her at once as the lace peddler who visited Alla but a short time previous, and who must hereafter be known as Mrs. Stillman; shot one swift, searching glance into the young girl's fresh, beautiful face, and then turned with a cold, hard stare to Miss Therwin.

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"Good morning, Mrs. Stillman," that lady sweetly remarked, "I hope I find you better

"Thank you. I should be well enough if this rheumatism did not cripple me so," was the somewhat curt reply. Ada here introduced Sibyl,

"Miss Prescott has kindly volunteered to assist me in some of my duties, as I find I have a good deal on my hands just at present, and hoping you might like each other, I have brought her to you. You will find her very sympathetic, I assure you." you might like each other, I have brought her to you. You will find her very sympathetic, I assure you."

"The young lady is very kind, I am sure," Mrs. Stillman remarked, fixing her large dark eyes upon Sibyl's face.

As she met her look, the young girl felt a sudden thrill; it was so fixed and peculiar. Then she saw her start violently, and her eyes fill with tears.

"What did you say your name was?" she asked,

"What did you say your name was?" she asked, in a sort of breathless way.
"Prescott.—Sibyl Prescott."
"Sibyl?" was the eager question, accompanied with a repressed sob.
"Yes," Sibyl answered, gently, wondering if the name had any painful associations for her. Then she asked:
"Have you been ill long?"
"About two months ago I was attacked with rheumatism, which, although it has not confined

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fireless cooker must be well understood before attempting its construction, which is nothing more or less than a box lined with insulating material which prevents the escape of the heat from the hot food placed within it.

When constructing a cooker, it adds but little labor to make a partition across the center so to divide it into two compartments, which greatly increases its usefulness. Fit the space on one side of the partition for use of a large enameled kettle with close-fitting cover to prevent the steam escaping, which is most serviceable. 'Arrange the other compartment to hold two closely covered shallow tin pails, one on top of the other, so that two kinds of food may be cooking at the same time in this compartment. The large kettle will be of sufficient size to hold several glass jars, in which rice, cereals, dried fruits, etc. may all cook at once, with boiling water in the bottom of kettle. The fuller the containers, the better the food will cook, and of equal importance is to have the containers fit the cooker quite closely, as any air space will have a tendebcy to lower

the retained heat, some, which require long cooking, need additional heat in the cooker, which is supplied by means of hot soapstones or field stones or metal disks, or even bricks will do. While the food is heating on the stove, heat the stones to a sizzling heat, but not too hot, and when ready to transfer the food place one hot stone in the bottom of the cooker, letting the food container rest on this, and place another hot stone on top of the container. Then cover quickly Experience soon teaches how to operate the cooker successfully.

A home-made cooker, with proper care in its construction, and operation should prove a useful and helpful saver of time and fuel; but the factory-made fireless cookers, which can be had in any size desired, and equipped with a variety of specially adapted and fitted cooking utensils, containers, heating disks and other appliances, are so much more useful and convenient and in every way so far superior to the home product that they are well worth the difference in cost to the housewife who has the price.

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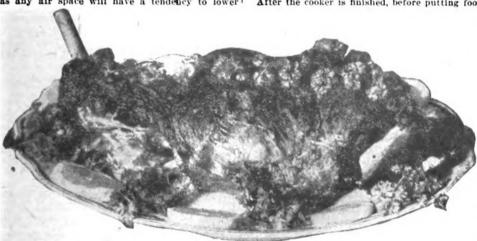
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Leave the cooker open when not in use, with when not in use, with as a certain amount of moisture accumulates during the cooking and should be dried out.

The food should be removed from the containers as soon as cooked, that they may be washed, scalded and dried in sun or over range. Tin rusts easily, but with good care will last a long time.

#### Using the Cooker

After the cooker is finished, before putting food



source of heat.

Now that the sizes of the compartments are decided upon, make a wooden box large enough to allow at least a six-inch space all around and at top and bottom between the box and the containers, also between containers and the partition; this space to be filled with the insulating material, as later described. The partition should extend from the bottom up to six inches below the top of the box.

Make a pulp by soaking torn newspapers in water, then use as a crack-filler in any open seams

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Line the box, sides and bottom, with sheet asbestos, lapping all edges several inches to make it tight. Now put a layer of chopped hay into the bottom, pounding it in as closely as possible, six inches deep, and cover with sheet asbestos. In each compartment, make a funnel-shaped inner wall of sheet asbestos to fit the respective containers; in no place should these inner walls come within six inches of the box. Pack closely with chopped hay the space between the inner walls and the box and partitions. Cover the packing with a sheet of asbestos cut to fit the inside of the box and with holes cut to fit the inside of the box and with holes cut to fit the tops of the inner walls.

Last to make is the top, which is best described as a boxed mattress, six inches thick and large enough to very closely fill the box, fitting well down onto the partition and inner walls. It is made of the asbestos filled with hay. The wooden cover has strips nailed on the four sides that lap over the box and bind well when closed. The idea of fireless cooking is derived from the primitive method of baking in the ground, where conserved heat entirely does the work. the box, sides and bottom, with sheet as-

#### Two Things to Be Remembered

the temperature, and for these reasons it is well to decide on the size of pails or kettles before beginning the construction of the cooker. Also allow space for soapstone, field stones or bricks, top and bottom, if they are to be used, which is highly advisable, for they adapt the cooker to a much wider range of cooking by adding an extra source of heat.

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FILLING THE WALLS WITH CHOPPED HAY.

ure and flavor of these tougher cuts of meat fure and flavor of these tougher cuts of meat. Meats may be partially ronsted in the oven and finished in the cooker. The cooker is best adapted to those foods which require boiling and steaming, and long cooking, such as cereals, soups, meats, vegetables, dried fruits, steamed breads and puddings.

When several different foods are cooked at one time, they must require the same amount of cooking, since the cooker must not be opened to take out part, as a large amount of heat will escape.

#### Recipes for Fireless Cooking Cereals

ROLLED OATS.—To every two cups of boiling water, add one level teaspoon of sait and one scant cup of oats. Cook ten minutes on the stove, and then put into cooker over night. If a small quantity is used, put outs into jar with boiling water in pail.

CORN MYLL MURH.—Three and one half cups of boiling water, or equal parts of milk and water, and one teaspoon of sait. Slowly stir in one cup of corn meal, wet with a very little water to prevent lumping. Cook about ten minutes on stove, or until it thekens, and then gout into cooker over night. The long cooking of cereals greatly improves their flavor and digestibility. All cereals are cooked the same, starting the cooking on the stove with the right amount of water and remaining over night in the cooker, or six hours during the day.

BOLLED RICE.—Wash rice and rinse. To each cup, allow four cups of boiling water and half a teaspoon of sait. Boil five minutes, stirring constantly, then remove to cooker for three hours, or longer if the cooker should not be opened.

SOUP STOCK.—Cut meat fine and split up the bones well. Cover with cold water, bring slowly to a boil and slowly cook ten minutes. Remove to cooker over night. In the morning, strain and remove fat, and use as a foundation for rice, macaroni or vegetable mouths.

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Vegetable Soup without Stock.—One half cupeach of onlon, carrot, turnip and cabbage cut in shall
pieces. Cook den minutes with three tablespoons of
butter, stirring frequently. Add one cup of sliced polato and cook a few minutes longer. Add three cupof tomato juice, put into cooker container and boil
inve minutes. In a sauce pan put one tablespoon of
butter with one of dry flour, and when blended add
one quart of boiling water, one quarter of a teaspoon
of pepper, two level teaspoons of salt, a little parsley
and celery seed crushed, and pour over vegetables.
Cook ten minutes slowly and put into cooker six
hours.

Cook Soup.—Bring to a boiling point one can of
corn and one quart of milk. While this is being done,
fry one tablespoon of coopped onion in three tablespoons of butter, and add two tablespoons of flour,
stirring until smooth. Add the hot milk and corn,
bring to boiling point, and put into cooker two hours.

Diand Bean on Split Pra Sours. Soak in cold
water six or eight hours. Drain, and to each cup of
beans or peas measured before soaking, add four cups
of cold water. Bring to boiling point and cook half
an hour, then put into cooker for over night or six
hours. If not tender, reheat and return to cooker,
Press through fine sieve, and add half a teaspoon of
salt, one tablespoon of butter melted with a tablespoon of flour, one cup of milk, and a little onion
juice if desired, to every cup of raw beans. Cook fire
minutes on top of stove and serve. A piece of lean
salt pork, bacon or ham bone, when cooked with the
soup gives a richer flavor.

#### Meats

ROAST MUTTON.—Take a small leg of mutton. First remove the pink outer skin, as this contains the strong flavor. Remove the caul. Dredge with flour and sprinkle with sait and pepper after wiping dry. Put into moderately hot oven until seared, and hot all through without water in pan. Remove to container into which the mutton will fit the closest; and it will probably be advisable to remove the leg bone, which should be done before putting into oven. Add sufficient boiling water for gravy. Cover tightly and set on stove until water boils; then remove to cooker, where it should remain four hours. Thicken gravy with flour and season. This process of cooking makes mutton sweet and tender.

Por Roast.—Select any cut of meat. That in back of the rib is less expensive and the cooker makes it tender and delicious. Cut into small portions and sear in fat taken from the edges of the roast. Use frying pan for this. Partily cover with boiling water and simmer slowly for ten minutes. Remove to container, cover and set on stove until it boils again, and then place in cooker four hours. A little rice or vegetables may be added if desired; if rice, add more boiling water. Thicken gravy with flour before serving, or it may be added before meat is put into cooker.

Roast Fowl.—Chicken, turkey, duck, or other tough fowl, is made tender and the flavor much improved by the long, slow process of cooking. Prepare for roasting, slowly pour boiling water over every part of the fowl, which will give the skin a cooked appearance. Simmer about fifteen minutes in this water, or until the fowl is cooking then remove to container, cover and put into cooker for six or eight hours. Over night is the better plan. Drain, stuff if desired, and brown in a quick oven. Thicken gravy with flour or reserve the liquor for a rice soup.

Brown Fricassee or Chicken.—Joint the chicken and roll each plece in flour, sprinkle with salt and pepper, and brown in fat. Remove chicken from frying pan, one piece at a time, so the water will not stop boiling, and whe

POTATOES.—Pare and quarter, and start boiling on stove in a little water in small container, then put into cooker.

Squash, Onions, Carrors and other vegetables, should be cut in two, or several pieces, and started to boil on stove in small amount of water. Several kinds may be cooked at once.

Macaroni and Cheesek.—Boil and plunge into cold water. Drain. In small pudding dish put layers of macaroni, covering each with a sprinkling of cheese, sait and pepper, and a layer of white sauce or strained tomato. When the dish is full, cover top with bread crumbs and bijs of butter. Place in oven until cooking, then remove to cooker for two hours.

Escallofed Potatoes.—Silce boiled potatoes into small container. Thicken two cups of milk with flour, and stalt and butter the size of a small egg. Pour boiling hot over potatoes, set in oven until baking hot, and put into cooker for two hours.

Baked Beans.—Prepare and cook in bean-pot at least one hour before putting into cooker. As bean pot covers are loose fitting, a piece of bread dough, or a dough of flour and water stiffly mixed and pressed around the edge of cover will greatly assist in keeping in the heat. Put bean pot into tin pail.

#### Comfort Sisters' Corner

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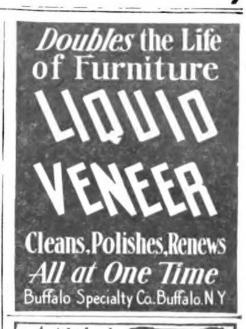
tinued stories we now have? I for one, would enjoy such stories much more. Real travel stories are in-teresting as well as educational.

Mrs. F. L. Adams.

First, that the food is cooked by the heat already in it when placed in the compartment, and for this reason the food must be cooking when placed in the cooker.

Second, that, in order to prevent cooling, the hot food must be transferred quickly from the stove to the cooker and the cover put on immediately.

Even with the best of care there is some loss of heat, and while many foods will cook with





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that we mothers should take an interest in everything our little ones do. I prefer the country to the city every time and I believe the country child can learn more of Nature's work than the city child. My oldest boy, seven years old, knows the name of every trees and every wild flower around here and every bird. He also knows the different vegetables and seeds. Last year we gave him a little garden spot of his own and he took as much delight in tending it as we did our own. He raised pop corn, potatoes, peas, beans, lettuce, radishes and beets.

I would like to hear from the sisters and will answer all who enclose postage. My husband does not believe these letters are real so I hope this will be printed.

With love to Uncle Charlie, Mr. Gannett, Mrs. Wilkinson and all the band of sisters, I am, sincerely, Mrs. Boone... Your son is fortunate in harden.

Mrs. Boone.—Your son is fortunate in having such a mother, for so many mothers are too busy to take time to teach their children about flowers, birds and trees, if, indeed, they themselves know them. Even if they do not, there is no excuss for keeping their children in ignorance of so many interesting and beautiful things when the book stores are full of books on animal and plant life. Start your children's library in the right direction now and later on you won't find so many trashy books in it.—Ed.

#### FARMERSBURG, IND.

DEAR COMPORT READERS :

DEAR COMFORT READERS:

I have been a reader of Comfort ever since I can remember and have written many a letter to the Sisters' Corner but have not sent one and hope to see this in print.

I was thirty-four years old the 28th of January, and am the mother of six children. The oldest is fifteen years old and the youngest would have been two in April but last October God called her home. We miss our baby! But it was God's will, not ours, I want to speak on the subject of visiting. How many of us go to see the new family moving into our neighborhood? We should for I know from experience how one feels when they move into a strange place and among strangers. Go and get acquainted for good neighbors are worth a lot.

Then, too, do we visit the sick and aged as much as we should? So many say, "I must go but I have so much to do today that I just can't get away."

Let's drop our own work and instead of putting self and self interest first, go today, not tomorrow, for tomorrow may be too late. Of course if the disease is contagious that makes a difference. There are two kinds of people in this world, the kind that are always

is contagious that makes a difference. There are two kinds of people in this world, the kind that are always getting ready to do something and the kind that go ahead and do it. Which are you? Make it a practice to visit the sick and offer your services for there are numberless things one can do to lighten the work in a family where there is sickness. A friend in need is a friend indeed.

BERTHA STARKEL.

Bertha Starkey.—Cheery letters mean a lot to sick persons, so if we cannot visit them we can, at least, write comforting letters,—only be sure they are comforting.—Ed.

Dear Friends:

Do any of you know of a homeless little girl that needs a mother's love and care? If so, will you let me know about her. We have been looking for a little one for over a year but so far have not found her. Our application has been before two homes and our references accepted but they say they have none of the age of six months and three years. Eyesight the age of six months and three years. Eyesight and hearing must be good but do not care about nationality, only she must be white. We want to adopt her, will give her a good home, educate her and love and care for her as our own. There are older girls and boys to be had but our family is all boys and we want a girl to bring up as a daughter. Among all our Compost family I hope there may be some one who knows of a little one needing a mother's love and care and a home as much as I want her.

Mas. Nelson Knight.

DEAR EDITOR AND SISTERS:

I wish to thank all who wrote to me but did not send stamp for reply. Once more I request all readers not to send me the chain prayer for I suppose all who do it are sincere and foolish enough to believe in it.

Last month I received eight, all requesting me to (CONTINUED ON PAGE 10.)

# The Call of His Country

By Hapsburg Liebe

- (See front cover illustration)

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HE was an American girl of a pretty brunette type, but her mother had been English; and when Britain made it known that she needed still more women in the carrying on of her part in the war, this girl felt that her duty lay across the sea. When she calmly took stock of herself and her belongings, she saw no reason why she should stay idly in the little New England town that had been her home all her life, while there seemed to be every reason why she should give her services to her mother's country. She had no near relatives alive, and her possessions were not many.

So Alma Deveridge went to England, learned to be a surgical nurse in a London hospital, and

to be a surgical nurse in a London hospital, and then went to Belgium, as a Red Cross nurse, with a shipload of those good fighting men whom the Regulars and Territorials called "Kitchener's

Moh."

It was in a low, squat building that had been converted into a sort of first-aid hospital, not far back of the trenches. Women were not commonly sent here, because of the flanger; but there had been a shortage of capable nurses, and Alma had asked to go, and they had finally consented. At the first, her work had sickened her; the sight of an operation had been a horrible sight of the consented of the first, her work had sickened her; the sight of ear operation had been a horrible sight to her. Then she had taken hold of her feelings, and forced herself to be brave. Now the ranking surgeon of this field hospital often complimented her upon her coolness.

A stalwart figure, supine and literally swathed in bandages, was quietly taken out of the operating room, and placed carefully on a narrow bed in a long row of narrow beds. Doctor Wilbert stood in the doorway, watching the silent figure, and he shook his head. A hand touched his arm. It was Alma.

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"Hasn't he any chance?" she murmured. The surgeon turned his weary eyes upon her. He had slept none the night before; now it was night again, and still he hadn't slept.

"It looks bad," he told her. "Barbed wire, a plece of shrapnel, and a blow from a rifle's butt. Confidentially, he's a well-educated young Frenchman who got into trouble with his country. He was accused of selling French war secrets to the enemy, and he had no way of proving himself innocent; therefore he ran away to England, joined 'Kitchener's Mob,' and is now fighting his country's enemies incognito. Yes, I know him well. If he lives, Miss Alma, you must certainly keep all this to yourself. But I'm afraid the poor fellow won't last until morning."

The hospital force, save only wornout Doctor Wilbert, was very busy that night, and Alma volunteered to do an extra turn and had her way. She would have opportunities, she reminded Wilbert, to smatch sleep now and then. Perhaps it was partly because of a sudden sympathetic interest in the unfortunate Frenchman; anyway, she spent a great deal of her time near his bed, both before and after he recovered from the effects of ether. And during all that time sho was prodded by the idea that she had seen Jean Dunand before! This, of course, was an assumed name; he couldn't well have gone under his own name, under the circumstances.

After midnight, he looked up with the light of reason in his eyes, and smiled at her. She noted that he was rather good-looking.

"Hello, Miss Deveridge," he muttered, and she immed he he was rather good-looking.

was the difficulty.
Dunand searched his mind uncensingly for a way out, and he was happy on the day when he decided that he had found it. It was in the autumn, and the trees that had been left by shot and shell wore leaves of dull brown. But he had to have a confidante; he had to have someone who would tell all about it afterward, for he expected to die in the scheme that he had hit upon.

It was but natural for him to go to the girl he loved. Therefore, on one of the days that his company spent at its rest billets, he obtained leave and went to visit the hospital in which Alma Deveridge served as a nurse.

There were a few trees about the building, and to one of these Dunand led the girl, who was off duty for the time being. They sat down on a crude bench, and the Frenchman, after having first won Alma's promise to tell nothing until it was all over, told Alma everything.

"Your plan——it might not work," murmured the girl, when he had finished.

"But it must work, mademoiselle!" protested Dunand. "I will make it work! Say, two hundred of the Boche, most of them officers—will not that clear me of the name of traitor, especially if I myself die with them?"

"You may be caught in time to spoil it all," said Alma. "It is a great risk. If I were you, perhaps I wouldn't take it. As to exonerating yourself, Monsieur Dunand—if you are not to blame, and I do not believe you are, why care so much? At least, why worry over it? For you have worried until you are almost beside yourself? Why not look to America for your future?"

"But—mademoiselle! Ah, mademoiselle!" he said dramatically.

He rose. If he had had a right, he would have told her again that he cared for her. But he had no right, for his chance of living through the great scheme he was about to attempt was not more than one in ten. If she loved him, why leave her yet more sad?

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For fear it would slip past his lips, Jean Dunand bowed and silently walked away. Alma watched him go with eyes that were not very clear, and once she was about to call him back. On the night after the next, Jean Dunand again found himself in a front-line trench, and he was now rendy for his project. Fate favored him here. He was standing on the firing-stepwith Corporal Bryce: the two were peering into the darkness that lay over No Man's Land, between them and the enemy trenches, when a noise came. It was only a slight noise, but even that might mean much in No Man's Land. A star-shell followed it, and the section of shell-pitted ground directly before the two men was bright in the glare.

"Nothing," Dunand answered. "Would you mind if I stole out there to see what I could find?"

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Dunand hastened into a dugout, left his rifle and cartridges, slipped a rather heavy package almost as large as a shoebox inside his shirt, and hastened back to the trench. He crawled over the top and went toward the enemy, and the one weapon he carried was a heavy trench-knife.
Again a star-shell popped up. Dunand, anticipating its flare of light, slipped into a shell-pit. When darkness had settled down over him, he stole onward again, the knife ready in his hand.

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After flattening himself out half-a-dozen times in shell-holes to avoid being caught in a burst of light from above, Dunand found his right hand against a strand of German barbed wire. He crept backward, hid himself in an indenture,

and waited for the mert shot from a flare-pistol:
and when it came, he marked a way for himself
through the wire entanglement. A minute later
he crept toward it through the darkness.
Fortunately for him, that particular point on
the German line was inactive. And yet, only a
crawled to the edge of the trench, and peered
carefully over. In spite of the darkness, he
made out four Bavarian soldiers sitting on the
firing-step within thirty feet of him; and the
lingcing postures of three of these told Dunand
The Frenchman crept to a point directly over
the one who was awake. This man was hum
ming a war song, and occasionally he rose to
peer over the top. Dunand waited, Whea the
long one could have counted half a dozen,
the Frenchman had crossed the trench and was
stealing over the uneven ground and toward the
headquarters of the noted Teuton General Bover
machinesque raked No Man's Land with lits bail
of bullets, and its sharp rata-tat-tat-tat was
proof to bunand that the unconscious Bavaria
had been discovered. But Dunand cared little
about that, had reached a point a mile behind
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A bright light filled his eyes. She bent closer to him.

"And when the war is over," he muttered happly, hopefully—"when we have done all that we could do—will you marry me, Alma?"

A quick glance over the ward showed Alma Deveridge that nobody was looking. She bent her face lower, lower over his, and whispered

two words.
"Kiss me," she said; and he obeyed.

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asked.

"No—oh! no—it is a long, sad story, and I will tell you another time—I—"

The woman seemed utterly overcome with her emotion, and leaned back in her chair, covering her face with her handkerchief.

"Mothers lose their children, and children lose their mothers," Sibyl said, with touching sadness: then she added, with earnest sweetness: "But there is One who has promised to care for the widow and fatherless, you know. I hope you have learned how to trust His promises, Mrs. Stillman."

have learned how to trust His promises, Mrs. Stillman." If don't know much about such things," the woman replied somewhat uneasily, and with a slight frown.
"Don't you? I am sorry," Sibyl said, regretfully; then continued, "but I must leave you now—I will send you a basket of comforts this afternoon, and come again myself about this time tomorrow."

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The woman was profuse in her thanks, and, with a gentle "good by," the young girl left the room, followed by Ada, who was striving hard to hide how triumphant she was over the success of this her first step in her diabolical scheme.

"Everything is so unequally divided—some have

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# 25-Cent Rate for May Subs,

In our March and April issues we announced that COMFORT'S subscription price would be raised to 35 cents a year on April 30; and such was our intention. But at the request of club raisers we have postponed the time for initiating the 35-

cent yearly rate until June first. Therefore our subscription price will remain at 25 cents per year all through May.

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ason. Now for the letters.

Dear Uncle Charlie:

I enjoyed your Christmas greeting so much that I must tell you about it. I am a native of Hungary, and was a subject of the Austrian Emperor when I emigrated to America, and I speak the German language, but you could not find any foreign publications in my house. I agree with everything you say about the foreign publications, but what about the foreign schools? Ignorant parents never know what harm they do to their children when they have them taught by foreign teachers. There are foreign colonies in the U. S. which get their teachers from abroad. Do you think these children can make good citizens of the U. S. A. after being under the influence of foreign teachers? I know the feeling of foreigners better than most people, and I know just about how much Americanism is in most of them. I would like to introduce a law that would compel every foreigner who lands here to take out his first papers immediately and the sconer he got his second papers the better. Most of these foreigners come to this country to earn enough money to build up their homes in the old country, that is, they want to use us like a good milk cow just as long as it suits their purpose. What little I know of the American language was picked up from constant reading of Americans. Frank Furedy.

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Don't forget that Uncle Charle's four wonderful books may still be had. Start in at once obtain them—they cost you no money, only the pusilian them—they cost you no money, only the pusilian them—they cost you money. The public has a many latter and poper covers; the such proposed the four busilianity of the four busilianity of the fou the masses. I doubt you now. I'm no pro-German, I'm no spy. I'm just a working man thirty-three years.

Thank you John, Joe, or Jim, whichever it may be, for your ferocious and highly amusing letter. I regret I could not print all your hymn of hate, as it is too bad to deprive our readers of a good laugh. I'm just as anxious to have a really democratic world in which every human being can have an opportunity to develop the very best that is in him, as you are, Joe. The difference between us is this: I know how to get the world we both want, and you don't. You want to shoot up society and wreek civilization through a reign of terror and anarchy, like the I. W. W. are attempting here and the Bolsheviki have done in Russia. I want to use the bailot and not the bullet. Like all of those who have been fooled by the Kaiserized radical press, and in spite of the fact that you say you are not pro-German, you are working for Germany and you are doing your level best, consciously or unconsciously, to compass the death at the hands of Germany of those two nephews of yours who wear the uniform of the U. S. A., and also you are doing your level best to enslave the masses of Germany, and the masses, too, including the Socialists, of France, Italy and England, and aiding, too, in the subjugation of your own native land by the bloodthirsty Hun, and the destruction of that socialism of which you profess to think so much of, but which in your hands is nothing but the most rabid and narrow class hatred. The biggest half of the working class in Germany is hypnotized by the Kaiser. They worship him and are ready to conquer the world and murder humanity when he gives the word—and he has given it. If you are waiting for a revolution in Germany you will wait for a million years. When Germany is defeated in the field and she finds the Hohenzollerns are not the invincible conquerors she thought they were then there may be a revolution. A few German soldiers with machine guns can soon settle any half baked revolution that is started in G

Often more depends on her and her care and judgment in bringing our boys back to health than upon the doctors themselves. They must have women who have been through the hard grind of three years in our big hospitals, women who can attend operations, sterilized and germless, and who know every organ of the body and how it functions, and every symptom of disease and how it should be treated; women who know all about drugs and how they should be administered and the effects they will have. All the girls in the United States want to become nurses or movie actresses. The former ambition does credit to their hearts but not to their heads. To be anything worth while in this world one must train and study. All of you, of course, would expect your twenty-five dollars a week and all you could give in return would be to stand by a sick bed and say: "Poor dear, let me kiss him for his mother." Now go to your nearest hospital, where they will probably have a training school, go through three years of hard work and denial and let the home folks supply you with the few dollars you will need to keep you in shoe leather during your training. The cost of drugs and running a hospital is enormous, so that few hospitals could afford to pay more. Probably, under the stress of war training, pay will be in creased and the three years cut down to two and a half, but physicians don't want to lower the high standard of the nursing profession, and it should not be lowered. People always want something for nothing, but it can't be got in the nursing or any other profession. You can begin training at eighteen years of age at most hospitals.

BRANTWOOD, WIS.

DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE:

I send you my little poem on the New Year:

The New Year now is here, the brightest day of all

The New Year now is here, the brightest day of all the year.

With bright smiling faces the morning was so bright, And the evening was light for the moon was shining all through the night,

The New Year's bells rang out the song, and the children played around the hall,

The New Year's gifts were all so gay, which the New Year brought along on Happy New Year's Day.

Your niece,

FANNY AHO.

Fanny, I thank you for your New Year poem. Glad to know there was one bright spot in the U. S. on New Year's day. Probably this hilarity was due to the fact that the Kaiser's friends, Messrs. Berger and La Foliette have but few folowers and sympathizers in your neighborhood. Just how doleful it was in this vicinity and the rest of the U. S. A. is set forth in my rhyme.

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Oh, New Year's Day, oh, New Year's Day,
The poets have sung that you're O. K.
And Fanny Aho of Brantwood, Wis.,
Thinks you're a peach in the New Year's biz.
But with all the earth in a blanket of snow,
And the thermometer hitting ninety below.
And brother in France a-chasing the Hun,
And coal three hundred dollars a ton.
Oh, New Year's Day some kid you may be,
But you can't make a hit with the likes of me.
For Sis has pneumony and Pop has the grip
And Grandma's mose is froze at the tip.
And the cat and the dog have their tails frost bit,
And the hired man's crawled in the stove and quit.
And the cold has frozen the rooster so,
His neck must be thawed before he can crow.
When it's Fourth of July and we've prickly heat,
New Year's songs perhaps may sound sweet.
But with coal and wood at its present high
price—gee, price—gee,
Don't hand out this New Year's dope to me.

DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE:
You are certainly very patriotic, and in regard to the Kaiser I hate him just as bad as you do. Some of the women folks here have organized a Red Cross-Society, and meet every Thursday at a large hall and make clothing for the soldiers. My mother is greatly interested in the Red Cross work, but why shouldn't she be? She has eight sons and all but two large and old enough to serve their country. I think now our country is in the war we should think of what we can do to help her win it instead of our own pleasures. This summer I am going to stay close at home and try and help Uncle Sam, who has been so good to us. Father always says, "As you plant a tree, so it will grow." If people are jaught to save when they are young and small Uncle Sam wouldn't have to tell them to save, and Mr. Hoover wouldn't have to tell them to save, and Mr. Hoover wouldn't have such a task. Uncle Charlie I wish I could hand you a slice of our war bread. It is half flour and half oatmeal. Now maybe you think it isn't good! I will close hoping to see my letter in print. Your loving niece, DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE:

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pulling together have acted independently and without concerted action; and thanks to Russian treason and Bolshevik depravity; and thanks to Germany's ability to overwhelm small nations, she has the best of the deal at present, and the subjects of a victorious monarch seldom if ever dethrone him, for nothing succeeds like success, no matter how dearly that success is bought. Our enemy is powerful and utterly reckless and merciless, for the Kaiser knows if he loses this war he and his aristocratic loafers will go forever and the people will rule, and they would rather plunge the world into hell than lose their soft jobs of exploiting the masses. I am glad you are living a Christian life for it is the only life. You can plan all the social improvements you like, plan for heaven on earth, but if Germany wins this war all Christian effort will be unavailing. Christians must work and fight and, if need be, die in this war for the preservation of Christian ideais.

1535 Spring Garden St., PHILADELPHIA, PA. DEAR COUSINS:

1535 Spring Garden St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Colsins:

I am an American boy, thirty years old, of Pennsylvania Dutch, not German stock. I am one of the millions who may be called to the front any moment. I shall be pleased to do my bit to help rid the world of that potsdam gang of Prussian pirates who contaminate the earth at the present time. I hope to have the pleasure of assisting in dumping the Kaiser and his militany clique overboard, and we'll do it too, unless the German people come to their senses and throw off the thrall of the dark ages, and start an up-to-date republic and rule themselves as other democratic nations of the earth are doing. I visited Valley Forge, also Gettysburg battlefield last summer. Every true american boy should visit these two places, for of all spots in America, they are, I think, the most sacred. General Washington and his soldiers suffered at Valley Forge, and through their hardships we gained this grand, glorious, free country. Shall we let the Kaiser take it away from us? We won't! Gettysburg reminds us that our boys in blue fought to preserve our Union intact. Shall we permit that Prussian despot to undo the grand work our boys accomplished there? We won't! Cousins, if the Kaiser wins in Europe he'll come over here, so our best plan is not to wait until he comes after us but for us to go after him and settle the question over in Europe now and forever. I used to live among the mines up in the coal regions, near Hazieton. For many years I was an engineer on a narrow gauge engine and used to haul coal from distant parts of the company's mines to the breaker where the anthracite was prepared for inarket. Last summer I took a civil service examination and passed with a good percentage. Result was I got a job in the U. S. Mint in this city and like the work very much as it is interesting in all its branches. I was surprised at the amount of work required to transform a rough piece of metal into a finished coin. We handle gold, silver, copper and nickel. We have an automatic

in another box. Work forty-nve nours per week and receive one thousand one hundred and fifty dollars per year.

For the past few years I and some of my chums have made it a practice to run over to New York on a Sunday excursion to get a glimpee of the ocean at Coney Island, also to visit Uncle Charlie in his chicken coop. The visits have been the greatest events of my life for the warm, sincere welcome I receive from Uncle Charlie are memories I will always cherish. Maria and the Goat too, are charming and generous in their welcome. How I wish that all you cousins and you millions of Compost's readers could have the privilege I have in visiting Uncle Charlie. He is all you imagine him to be and when it comes to talking, he has Billy Sunday on the run. His ideas and ideals have been a big help to me, for I read his talks carefully every month.

Uncle's home is the prettiest, cutest little place you ever saw, a haven of peace, love and good fellowship, and we want to get on the job and make that coop his really, truly home for the rest of his life. If we can't buy that home for him as a token of our love and appreciation we ought to be ashamed of ourselves. Uncle Charlie has helped millions, now let's get together and help him.

Affectionately your cousin, Grongs Dramsmach.

You did not think you had a cousin who was making Uncle Sam's money, did you? Directly I knew what George was doing I quit work. It is no good having a nephew who runs a machine that turns out a million dollars a minute,

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BY KATE V. SAINT MAUR.

#### Caring for the Youngsters

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HE coming year's success depends largely on the number of chicks which can be carried through from hatching time to the eighth week in vigorous health. It is the chick that grows in frame and vitality during these first weeks that makes the heavy layer and the plump table bird later in life. It is estimated that not seventy-five per cent of the chickens hatched on the general farm live to be four weeks old, even when hens are being used to do the incubating and brooding, and not more than fifty per cent when incubators and brooders are being used, and it is due solely to the want of knowledge on the part of the person who has them in charge. Given a hundred chicks from ergs laid by healthy birds and hatched in an incubator which has been properly operated, the losses should not exceed five per cent.

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It must be understood that the first two weeks are the really critical time in a chick's life. If they get stunted or upset during that time, no amount of care afterwards can counteract the damage done to their constitutions. Of course, the first consideration in caring for incubator chickens is the brooder. The continuous house, heated by hot water pipes and divided into small runs with a hover in each, is the one employed by large poultry plants, and is undoubtedly the best, but such a brooder house is expensive to erect, and not practical for a small poultry keeper. Next comes the outdoor colony brooder with two compartments, in one of which is a hover heated by a lamp. The outer, or exercise compartment, is warned only by the air from the hover compartment, and so of course is much but still warm enough for baby chicks to play in in the coldest weather. Such brooders are complete in themselves, being thoroughly storm proof, and can be placed in any convenient sheltered place. They cost from nine to fifteen dollars.

Next in order comes what is

under any circumstances use anything that is in the least mouldy or musty, for the spores which cause several deadly diseases are bred in mould. If an outdoor brooder or portable hover is to be used, light the lamp and get the temperature under the hover up to 90 degrees with a moderate flame, at least a day before the chicks are to be put into it, so that you can be sure that the lamp is running evenly. A thermometer comes with all such brooders and hovers, so it is easy to regulate the heat. When chicks are put into the hover, the heat from their bodies will run up the temperature to 100—perhaps more—but don't after the flame of the lamp. The chicks can put their heads out of the curtain which encloses the hover and get cool air if they need it; so there is no danger of their being over the empty hover at 90 degrees.

As soon as they are placed in a brooder, scatter some fine gravel or very finely cracked poultry grit. I like the gravel that is sold for caged birds for the first two or three days, as it is pright, and attracts the little fellows to plck up one or two and dip their bills into the milk. If a few commence to eat, the others will follow suit. Of course the milk, like the water hat is given to chickens, must be in dishes that are partly covered to prevent them getting into it. For the sour milk, we use small fruit saucers, with a strip of board put across the top, so that there is only a small opening left on each side of the dish.

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At the end of half an hour, the milk is taken away, and two hours later they have their first real food, which consists of stale bread which has been dried in an oven and put through a meat chopper. One cup of this is mixed with two eggs which have been boiled hard, cooled, and chopped, shell and all. About one third of the mixture is poured along a narrow board and given to fifty chicks. If any is left at the end of half an hour, it is removed. The following day, sour milk and the above mash is alternated at intervals of two hours. After that, the sour milk is left before them all the time, the mash given in small quantities every two hours.

On the fourth day they have water given them for the first time. The fountain is left in the coop for half an hour in the morning, and the same length of time at about 2 P. M., and a little rolled oats, which has been broken up fine, is scattered on the floor of the coop.

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The fifth and sixth days are the same as the fourth, except that the dish of water is left before them all the time. After the sixth day we commence to use rolled oats instead of the dry bread in the mash, and liver or lean meat which has been parbolled gradually takes the place of the egg, and chick feed is scattered on the floor three times a day. All these changes must be accomplished very gradually from the sixth to the twenty-eighth day, and of course the quantity given must be increased, for chicks are very thoroughly, a second will seldom be necessary; but in such a case it may be cause the trouble are likely to have infested the wood. M. S.—You don't say if the chicks are being used have caused the condition. If with hens, the theory is also that the symptoms you give suggest inbreeding or roupy stock. I have been fast growers. In fact, there is no young creature, except squabs, that grows so rapidly during the

first two weeks of life as a chicken, and for this reason chicks require an abundance of easily digested, nutritious food, and to keep the digestive system in proper working order, it must be supplied in small quantities very frequently.

After the fourth day, never leave mash before them more than fifteen minutes at a time, and don't make more than is needed for one day at a time, or it may sour and cause trouble; besides which, if it is left before them all the time, they will have no inducement to scratch and hunt for the chick feed.

From the fourth to the eighth week, we keep a dry mash before them all the time in selffeeding hoppers, for they will not eat this as greedily as they do the soft mash. Give them all the fresh green stuff they will eat at noon. Young alfalfa and clover leaves are good. If you have neither, use the green sprouts of oats.

The dry mash is the same as that used at the New Jersey Experiment station, and is composed of the following grains:

Wheat bran, 50 pounds; gluten feed, 10 pounds; corn meal, 10 pounds; ground oats, 10 pounds; meat scraps, 10 pounds; dry ground bone, 10 pounds.

#### The Great Value of Skim Milk

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I wish to call special attention to the value of sour skim milk in baby chick feeding. Sour milk is very palatable; it also contains much food value in its casein, which is a form of protein or nitrogen. The greatest benefit, however, lies in its disinfecting qualities. The lactic acid present kills and prevents the multiplication of intestinal bacteria. White diarrhea is one of the most dangerous of these forms. In order to get the greatest benefit from sour skim milk it should be given the youngsters from the very first day, being given in a closed vacuum fountain, so that the chicks cannot get their feathers soiled with it. It should be changed daily and the vessel kept perfectly clean. Experiments conducted at the Connecticut Experiment Station have proven its great value. Experiments conducted at the New Jersey Station show that where sour milk is used as mentioned, the percentage of mortality was very materially reduced over pens that did not receive it. Also the skim milk chicks made a gain in weight of over 28 per cent more than those receiving no milk. Since these conclusive tests, it is needless to say that we are feeding skim milk (sour) to all of our young chicks during the brooding period with the greatest success.



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tein. It has a high ash content (phosphoric acid) and is fairly bulky, which makes it useful to mix with finer and more concentrated feeds. Wheat bran aids digestion through the presence of a ferment "diastase" which it contains, and its mildly layerity.

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H. H.—This is a severe case of what is known as scaly leg, which is caused by a minute insect which burrows under the scales on the feet and legs and irritates the skin. It is not really a disease, and it does not affect the bird's health, unless it is allowed to continue for a considerable length of time, in which case it may deter them from taking sufficient exercise if the feet become badly swollen. Fill a small bowl with warm, soapy water, holding the bird's feet and shanks in it for a few minutes to soften the hard scales; then scrub gently with a soft brush and plenty of white soap. Dry on a soft cloth, and while still moist and soft, rub thoroughly with a mixture of fresh lard and sulphur or carbolic vascline. If the first treatment is done very thoroughly, a second will seldom be necessary; but in such a case it may be necessary to repeat three times at intervals of three days; at the same time clean and paint the roosts with kerosene oil or sheep dip, as the parasites which cause the trouble are likely to have infested the wood.

M. S.—You don't say if the chicks are being used

ondition is prevalent in your neighborhood, and pos-thly springs from purely local conditions.

D. R.—Please read answer to M. S.

M. W .- Please read answer to H. H.

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M. F.—Yes, you can spread fresh lime over the
ground, then have it plowed and seeded to rye, oats,
or some quick-growing crop. It will help a great deal
if you move brood coops to fresh ground, and keep
the chicks away from the old runs till they are three
months old, for usually birds over that age can withstand gapeworm, as they have the strength to cough
vigorously and so dislodge and eject the intruder from
the windpipe before it has had opportunity to weaken
the bird or affect its health.

M. C.—Nealy, all inculsers firms have hydrometers

M. C.—Nearly all incubator firms have hygrometers for sale, and as they are made by a firm that manufactures thermometers, any drug store should be able to get you one. The price is about \$1.50.

J. C. G.—It is always rather dangerous to feed hone and beef intermittently. Better use a little every day; then there is no danger of its affecting the lowels. Most likely the looseness was caused by the change of food when the birds were given free range. A little middlings mixed with bran will check any ordinary looseness of the bowels.

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Note.—I do not like to take the responsibility of recommending breeders in this column, so I advise my correspondents who have asked for information about geese to write to the Waterfowl Club of America, W. P. Maston, Sccretary, Pleasant Valley, New York, enclosing self-addressed envelope and stamp for reply.

#### Comfort Sisters' Corner

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(Continued from page 7.)

write nine more. There are eight chains broken now and on the ninth day I received fifty pounds of flour as a Christmas gift from the Farmer's Mill. Now wasn't that a great "calamity"? Every widow and needy family in this town received free a sack of flour. I remember our dear soldier and sailor boys in prayer and do not need snyone to tell me what to say.

Mrs. Gaestet's letter, in January Comfort, tells of her life on a mountain homestead. In many respects my life was like hers only I was not strong enough to do half the hard work she does. I did not have a horse to ride and so walked four miles for our mail. My husband's work took him away from home most of the time. I learned to milk the cow, raise chickens and pigs and make the garden. Helped build our house, and can use a hammer and saw quite well. Also helped haul wood, make hay and build fence. I am five feet, four inches tall and weigh one hundred and fifteen pounds and as for my age—I am not getting any older. I like to catch trout and use the rifle at target practice.

I hope Troubled Wife will receive all the advice she expects and needs. I do not wish to advise her just yet as her letter seems a little selfish but perhaps that is because I do not understand. I remember I was tempted to tell "Mrs. Pete" how I would manage that husband of hers but am glad now that I did not for after receiving a personal letter from her I could see both sides and am pleased to know she is now quite contented with one who did not mean to be unkind. Perhaps many men never had a home until they were married and then home seems the dearest spot on earth to them. I often think some of us do not appreciate our husbands enough. We do not realize how much we depend on them until death calls them from us and leaves us stranded on life's rough sea. And sometimes, too, the husbands do not appreciate their wives. They forget that a swife it is husband first, children second and his wife third. And with a wife it is husband first

WESTCLIFFE, Colo. DEAR SISTERS:

I have just read Busy flee's letter about worry and am sending a little poem that I think is fine.

'We worry when we are scattering the seeds in early

we worry when the summer days are here.

We worry when the summer days are here.

Ye worry when we wonder what the harvest time will bring.

We worry in the winter every year.

We worry in the mornings when the light begins to dawn,
We worry when we sow and when we reap.
We worry when we are awake
And when we are asleep.

at least, a worryless day. Let's all try it.—Ed.

Montville, Conn.

Dear Mrs. Wilkinson and Sisters:
Since reading "Busy Bee's" letter in January Comport, I want to tell her that she has expressed my sentiments exactly. I enjoyed her letter.

To M. B. I would say the same. I do not think as in truly repented can be or should be held against us. Before marriage my work for many years lay among girls in a large factory—girls of all descriptions and nationalities—and I loved them all, and I think they loved me, and among them there came a girl who had made a mistake in her life. One day, just after her coming, I chanced to interrupt some of the girls who were discussing her and I said to them, "My dears, let she that is without sin among you first cast the stone." If we would all bear this lesson in mind it would make the lives of others easier to bear, others who have made the same mistake as M. B. and for her benefit I wish to say that this particular girl made good and today is a happy wife and mother, loved and respected.

Dear Lonely Old Maid, that man isn't worth spoiling your whole life over—don't dear—do try to sing a glad song, try for the dear Master's sake. I think, in a measure, our life is what we ourself make it and we must be "cheerful to the glory of God." I was pretty much of an old maid before I married and surely expected to be one, but I was too busy trying to help others to worry much over the probability of being an old maid with a cat. I do love cats and am not an old maid either. I don't think being an old maid with a cat. I do love cats and am not an old maid either. I don't think being an old maid with a cat. I do love cats and am not an old maid either. I don't think being an old maid with a cat. I do love cats and am not an old maid either. I don't think being an old maid with a cat. I do love cats and am not an old maid either. I don't think being an old maid with a cat. I do love cats and an oh, dearie me! it isn't a good idea to try to ford the stream till we got to it. God only asks

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with your husband, telling him frankly how you would appreciate it all? So he thinks love is silly and dear Mrs. Gaestet thinks it is "what young married women gush about and we read about." I wonder what the other sisters think about love. It brings to my mind a verse I learned at school as a child, "God is love." How dare we criticize or treat lightly His greatest gift to man?

About the city and country life with its temptations, I think they are about equal. I agree with Mrs. Rosenbury that the home is the place for daughters to entertain their friends. It would be well for city and country mothers both to wake up to this fact. If a girl's home life isn't happy, she goes on the street and hunts for happiness there and if mother and father are always disagreeing the home isn't apt to be happy. I know for I was raised in such a home. We mothers should look well to ourselves and not let our real selves blot out our sense of duty to our children.

About myself, I am tall and dark, with brown eyes and hair. Have been married three years and have a baby boy seventeen months old. Am interested in the sisters' letters, especially those about caring for children, and they have been of help to me in other ways in my life. I am just thirty years old and have taken Compoort since I was fifteen—we think it a pretty fine paper here in our home.

I wish Lonely Old Maid would write to me. I'd love to hear from her though I think she is much too young to call herself an old maid.

Now I must close, with love to Mrs. Wikinson and all the sisters.

Mrs. Bunnell.—I have several dear friends in your home town, and in surrounding towns, so your letter was a reminder of many pleasant days spent in Connecticut. Maybe, sometime, I'll call and see you—if you'd like to have me.—Ed.

RANDOLPH, MISS.

"We worry when we sow and when we reap.

We worry when we are saleep.

"We worry when we are saleep.

"But when we reach up yonder and receive a harp and crown, with other things exactly to our taste, we will surely have to murmur as on earth we're gar.

With other things exactly to our taste, we will surely have to murmur as on earth we're gar.

What an awful lot of worry went to waste."

The city sisters are sure we Country Mice are very vile in our ways and some country sisters asy the City Mice are very bad but I think it all depends on the Draw always lived in a small town but am now living on a ranch with one of the best husbands in the world. We have been married nearly two years. I am twenty years old, five feet, four inches tall, with gree yees and brown hair.

With best wishes to all worrying sisters, I am, Grey Eyes.—As a poet (or poetess) I am a positive failure and willing to admit it, but some one. However, the sentiment expressed makes but for the liberties that have been taken with the meter, for, come to think of it, we do waste a lot of perfectly good worry. Wouldn't it be splendld if our President, or Mr. Hoover, would appoint a Worry Hould't it, we do waste a lot of perfectly good worry. Wouldn't it be splendld if our President, or Mr. Hoover, would appoint a Worry Administrator and make people conserve on worrying and have every other day, at least, a worryless day. Let's all try it.—Ed.

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Since reading "Bous Beet's" leter in January Common. It would make real Americans of the world of the silence of the silence of the state of the Children all three peers and instead of only once.

I am the eldest of five children, all of whom are minerically into the sale to five children in caring for him. I am very control to death of my other have the sale to five children in caring f

shand has a brother in camp at Alexandria,
Mrs. Gaestet, you certainly are a brave and aintious woman and I envy you your strength.
With love to all the sisters,
Mrs. ILA REA HERRING.

LISBON, R. R. 6, OHIO.

MRS. WILKINSON AND COMFORT SISTERS:

I enjoy ('OMFORT from cover to cover, especially the sisters' letters, which are so helpful.

I am a widow with four girls, my oldest is married and the other three are fourteen, eleven and nine years old. I work in the copper mill and get \$1.50 a day. It is hard to make it go around especially with the "heatless Mondays" we have had.

I was reading today how hard it was for the farm-

(CONTINUED ON PAGE 11.)

## SAVE ALL YOUR CHICKS

E. J. Reefer, poultry expert of 204 Reefer Bldg., Kansas City, Mo., is giving away free a new book which tells of a simple home solution that raises 98 per cent. of all chicks hatched and cures white diarrhosa over night. All poultry raisers should write for this valuable free book.

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BIGN NALDRETT, LE BOY, MINNESOTA.

#### Comfort Sisters' Corner

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 10.)

as' wires in the Kausas wheat belt to get help durig harvesting and I thought how many of us wemen
could enjoy such work if we could have our children
long with us.

At the mothers, in every country, have my heartat sympathy during this trying time and every night
ask God to bless the boys in the trenches and in

g-camps.

I ask God to been the camps.

Would Mrs. J. A. Spinway like to write to some one that came from Sheffield, England? I was born in Manchestor.

Wishing you all the success that can come your Respectfully yours.

Respectfully yours, ELISABUTH WAINWRIGHT.

DEAR MES. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:

I am a newcomer in your happy corner but an old reader. I have taken this paper since I was a young girl and I used to get subscribers.

I have come for advice. I was married when I was almost a stranger to me. He came to visit his uncle, a neighbor of ours, and I met him in January and married him in March. I came away out here among strangers three hundred and seventy-five miles from home. We have been married nine years and I have been back home three times during that time on two weeks visits. This coming summer we are going again but I want to stay three or four weeks instead of the usual two. There has always been a jangle and quarrel every time this has been mentioned and I have always given in to him. Now he says he will send me and stay home himself but I know he needs the vacation. What would the sisters do? Take him at his word and go, or would that be very selfish of me? I am so homesick and I don't enjoy the two weeks. All I do is wash and dress the children (we have three, and the oldest is seven), pack and unpack the suitcase and rush from one house to another. He goes to see only his macle as he docen't care much for or doesn't know any of my aunts and uncles very well. I want him to let me go out two weeks before he does and then he could come and get me but he won't do that. Now that is where I think he is selfish for he is cross now or he wouldn't offer to send me. He is afraid to let me go for fear I won't come back. I don't want to seem selfish but I do want to go. He always spoils my visits for I am always afraid I will do something or say something that will make him grouchy, and I don't want any of my folks to know how things are.

I am twenty-five years old, with brown curly hair and hoe eyes and a light complexion.

I hope to get the opinion of the sisters.

Perplexed.—That's a very appropriate nom de piume and I suppose I could say it serves you right for marrying when you were so young and on such short acquaintance but I won't do that. lastead, I'll publish your letter and let the sisters help you.—Ed.

DEAR MUS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:

From my window the world looks dreary all snow covered, and it seems that the sun has refused to shine. I know that some of us have caught the gloom of just such a day and I wonder, has every day a sorrow, every heart a care? Surely, life is what we make it. We should never borrow trouble and, above all, lend it to another but on life's rough sea each day and hour, with loving deeds of mercy, unleck doors to peace and quiet, love tranquil and screen. Then what a good world it would be. We should cultivate a Christian-like pity, now almost dormant for the young life that has been broken by sin. The life thus saved might save another from the same snare. If we would oftener breathe the breath of forgiveness and thank God that he has placed in us a heart that can freely forgive, then would most of our petty troubles take wing, leaving no sorrow to cause a sigh, but meekly we would bear our measure.

measure.

Here my thoughts wander back to the many good letters I have read in Compour, though I am simply disgusted with the John subject. Do you know that if my husband were ever so bad it would be far below my dignity to burden the good renders with his faults. Did not I alone choose him for better or for warre.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS.

AMANDA, OHIO.

Will you please make room for a stranger to you although you do not seem as strangers to me.

I am twenty-one years old and have been married a year and a half to a good husband. My dear mother died when I was six years old and I was among strangers from that time until I was married, and it wasn't all pleasant eithet but now I am happy. If the sisters wan to make some one happy I will tell them how to do it and at a cost of three cents. My father was ninety-one years old the 22nd of March and while this is too late for cards for his birthday I would like for as many as care to, to send him cards. He is spry for his age and husked eighty shocks of corn last fall and put up the fodder just as good as if he were thirty years old instead of ninety-eely it took him a little longer. He is healthy and gets around wonderfully. So if you want him to be happy, send him a card and put the name of your town and state on it, also, of course, your own name. He will look the cards over and over. His address is Isaac Culp, Laurelville, Ohlo.

Now for a few helps. When hot weather comes and your husband's shirts get soiled quickly, have him change them oftener and put the dirty ones to sook, first rubbing a good naphtha soap on them. Let them soak over night and in the morning wash them out, wing a stiff brush on the more solled parts of cuffs and collar.

To save molasses, grease the cop in which it is

# The Pretty Girls' Club

Conducted by Katherine Booth

· Something About Oil

OU have heard about "greasing the road to prosperity." Now let me tell you a few things about greasing "the road to beauty." Most of us hayen't enough oil in our systems. Our skin wrinkles or shows tired lines easily, and that is because it is is dry, not soft and pliable. Using cold cream as a daily ungent helps to ward off the wrinkles, but we should also seek to supply the necessary oil to the system, for the sake of our health as well as of our good looks.

A tablespoonful of olive oil taken internally, three times a day, will help immensely, and have, besides, a very beneficial effect on the eliminative functions, making the use of cathartics an infrequent necessity. This is, as well, an excellent way to gain fiesh, because of course it is itself almost pure fat, and is taken into the system as fat.



BURNISHING THE FINGER-NAILS.

I have already advised you as to using oil for a dandruff shampoo, and I hope you are all following my advice, but I wonder how many of you have ever thought of using a drop of oil—yes, literally, just a drop—to give your fingernails a soft polish after manicuring. Put a drop in the palm of one hand, and doubling the fingers of the other hand, rub the nails back and forth on the oiled palm. Or apply the oil directly to the nails with a finger-tip, and use a pad of tissue paper to do the polishing.

When you are very, very tired indeed, and have been on your feet practically all day, try rubbing a little warm oil into the soles of your feet, gently massaging them. This not only soothes the feet, but relaxes nerve tension and has a most desirable restorative effect.

Another excellent way of using olive oil for relaxing purposes is to mix thoroughly one half cup of olive oil and one tablespoonful of lavender water, rubbing them into the entire skin of the body immediately after drying the skin following a hot bath. The hot skin will absorb the oil speedily, and there will be no greasiness left, but only a soft warm skin. Be sure your bath is hot, else the skin will be comparatively cool, and greasiness will result.

A bit of olive oil—or of sesame oil—can be used to the advantage of the eyebrows. If you have an eyebrow brush—something like a baby's toothbrush—drop the oil on it and brush the brows gently, also touching the edge of the eyelids, although the finger-tip is better for making the application of the oil to the eyelids than the brush.

So get out your olive oil bottle, members of the Pretty Giris' Club, and see what wonders it can perform for you!

DEAR COMFORT SISTERS:

I have known COMFORT for years and have always liked it. I want a seat by Contented Second Wife for I am just her age and have red hair too. My eyes are grey and I am only five feet, two and one half inches tall. I live near the Des Moines River and can see the wooded bluffs on either side. I have a boy four years old and a little girl not quite a year old.

Mrs. V. M., try just as hard as you can to love your husband and perhaps in time love will come to you. I have heard that it would. Also you might make that trip of which you spoke. Absence makes the heart grow fonder, you know. Let us hear from you again.

soak over night and in the more soiled parts or cause using a stiff brush on the more soiled parts or cause and collar.

To save moissees, grease the cup in which it is measured with butter or lard and the moiasses will not stick to the cup.

When your lamp wicks are too wide, draw the threads from the center instead of from the sides and they will not ravel.

Lonely Hull, I quite many scoldings that I mind the must be feeling very thankful, by this time, that she has a husband to love her.

Lonely one, you have no right to claim that title if you are healthy. You should sign yourself A Slacker.

M. B. I wish you would write to me.

I think I have written more than my share.

Mas. Wanda Bailert.

at the back of each leg. This will hold your corset and prevent any aliding up. With garters properly fastened, you may how the your corsets. The first across the small of the back, drawing the strings firmly, knotting, and tucking knots, and ends under the corset. Now draw up the strings at waistline, and the again. Never let the top of the corset be pulled to gether—there should be inoseness there, but the waist should be firm and all below the waist firm. When you are ready to undress, untile the corset in the back, both places, and loosen laces before unbooking front or garters. Do this cach time you put on or take off a corset and you will find those "large hips too low down" a thing of the past, I am sure. In the meantime, as an extra precaution, it would not be a bad idea for you to practice the various abdominal exercises I have given in Comfort recently. Now about the fuzz on your cheek. I should not use electrolysis for this. As a matter of fact, we all attach too much importance to "fuzz" on our own cheeks. If you want to know whether that is true or not, stop to realize how little you notice fuzz on anybody else. Start right in noticing your friends, for a week, and you will find nine out of ten have exactly the same condition, yet you have never realized it. Poets even talk about the "lovely peachy down" on a woman's cheeks. However, if that doesn't console you, don't use electrolysis anyway, because where there is as close a growth as down, you are sure to stimulate other hair roots while you take out some, and soon you would be appt to have a real growth, not a down. Why not bleach the growth with peroxide, and try to kill it with ammonia? It is a long process, but the bleaching begins almost at once. Now about the toenalis, which are brittle and thick. Toenalis are often rendered thick by too short toes, which press upon the nalls and retard their growth is the manner. Have your shoe its nugliy in width but allow this extra length and you will have better looking feet both in and out of shoes. I

Try this, and let me know again, after a month, how your nails are coming on.

Exists.—The reason your head aches after reading or sewing may be from your eyes, or it may be from the fact that you are not strong, and indeed the weakness of your eyes may come from that, too. The thing for you to do is to build yourself up. You ought to weigh over a hundred pounds instead of only fifty! So let's see what to do. Are you where you can get lotself milk to drink? If you can drink it—a couple of quarts a day. But I have a suspicion that you can't we must use something else, mustn't we? You can get potatoes, I am sure, so eat plenty of those, but never fried potatoes. Your stomach probably does not digest fried potatoes. Your can get plenty of cream. Nothing is quite so good to make you fat and well. And you should eat lots of bread and butter, and fruits and regetables. For breakfast, eat some fruit, a baked apple or some stewed prunes, or an orange, or a baked



PHILADELPHIA. MISS.

DEAR SISTERS:

I wish to tell sufferers from asthma how I found relief from that disease. I suffered for sever or eight years and at times would almost die. Two years ago I had a very bad attack and I began taking castor oil. At first I took nearly a bottleful a day but decreased the amount as I grew better. I seldom have an attack now but when I do I take castor oil. I believe it saved my life and I want every sufferer to know of this remedy.

Long live Comport, Mrs. Emma Hardy.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:

May I join your happy circle for a little chat? I am five feet, three inches tail, weigh one hundred and fifty-five pounds and am twenty-two years old. I have dark brown hair and eyes and wear glasses. I am housekeeper for a widower with two children, a boy of eight and a girl of six. They go to school. I have been here two years and like very much. Before I came here I cooked in a hotel in the Feather River canyon. I was there a little over two years. I have been working ever since I was thirteen years.



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old. I had to leave school and begin work then so I could help my widowed mother and baby sister. I am sending a little sketch on how to preserve a husband that I copied from another paper.

I will close with love to the sisters.

#### How to Preserve a Husband

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# Home Dressmaking Hints

### Forecasts for Early Summer Fashions



to bespeak comfort and may be worn with comfort on many occasions. The new slip-on blouses in satin, jer-sey cloth, gingham, crepe and voile are very attrac-tive for wear with plain or plaited skirts of the same or contrasting material.

One-piece dresses are popular as ever and the new sleeveless coats are just the thing to set off a pretty frock. If you have a new linen or satin coat suit, you may want a pretty vest or waistcoat to wear with it.

#### Pattern Descriptions ALL PATTERNS 12c. EACH Unless Other Price Is Ntated.

1266.—Set of Baby's One-Piece Long Clothes with Front Closing. Cambric, longcloth, nainsook or lawn may be used for the slip, and fiannel or fiannelette for barra coat, wrapper and sack. It will require for sack, three fourths yard of 27-inch material; for slip, two and one fourth yards of 36-inch material; for wrapper, two and three fourths yards of 27-inch material; for barra coat, one and one eighth yard of 40-inch material;

terial.

1295.—A Simple Set of Underwear for Girls;
Drawers, Petticoat and Under Waist. Cambric,
muslin, nainsook, longcloth or crepe may be used
for the drawers and petticout, lawn is also nice
for the petticoat. The pattern includes all styles

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Cut in six sizes; two, four, six, eight, 10 and 12 years. The drawers require one and one half yard of 36-inch material, the petiticoat requires two yards, and the underwaist one and one eighth yard for a 10-year size.

2056.—A Becoming Dress for the Growing Girl. This design is fine for crepe, foulard, chiffon cloth, wash silk, challie, lawn, batiste and other soft fabrics.

Cut in five sizes; six, eight, 10, 12 and 14 years. It requires three and three fourths yards of 44-inch material for a 12-year size.

2059.—A Charming Negligee. This model is sine for soft crepes, lawns and organdies. It is also nice for challie, silk, batiste and voile.

Cut in four sizes; small, 32 and 34; medium, 36 and 38; large, 40 and 42, and extra large, 44 and 46 inches bust measure. The medium size will require six and one half yards of 36-inch material.

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2061 Blouse; 2063 Skirt.—A Charming Sports or Beach Costume. Blouse and skirt may be worn separately. The blouse is cut in seven sizes; 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44 and 46 inches bust measure. It requires three yards of 36-inch material for a 36-inch size.

The skirt has seven sizes; 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32 and 34 inches waist measure. It requires three and seven eighths yards of flouncing or bordered material 48 inches wide, or four and one half yards of 54-inch material for a 24-inch size. Tico separate patterns, 12 cents for each pattern.

one half yards of of-finel material for a 24-finel size. Two separate patterns, 12 cents for each pattern.

2094.—Some Attractive Collars and a Smart Pair of Cuffs. One can develop these styles in any of the pretty materials of the season.

Pattern includes all styles illustrated and is cut in three sizes; small, medium and large. No. 1 will require one half yard; No. 2 collar, five eighths yard; cuff No. 2, three eighths yard, and collar No. 3, five eighths yard of 27-inch material for a small size.

2115.—A Splendid "Cover-All" Style. The pattern is nice for chambray, gingham, linen, drill, percale, alpaca, jean or sateen.

Cut in four sizes; small, 32-34; medium, 36-38; large, 40-42, and extra large, 44-46 inches bust measure. Size medium will require five and three fourths yards of 36-inch material.

2122.—Ladies' One-Piece Dress. The tucks could be omitted. The sleeve is quaint in wrist length with the ruffled edge and smart in its bell shape.

could be omitted. The sieeve is quant to length with the rufiled edge and smart in its bell shape.

Cut in six sizes; 34, 36, 38, 40, 42 and 44 inches bust measure. It requires eight yards of 36-inch material for a 36-inch size.

2134.—Boys' Blouse and Trousers. This model is ideal for warm weather, with the low neck and short sleeves, and the trousers with straight lower edge.

Cut in four sizes; four, six, eight and 10 years. Size eight will require three yards of 36-inch material.

2279.—An Easily Made Apron. Seersucker, chambray, gingham, lawn, percale, drill, linen and alpaca are nice for this style.

Cut in four sizes; small, 32-34; medium, 36-38; large, 40-42; extra large, 44-46 inches bust measure. Size medium will require two and one half yards of 36-inch material.

2281.—A Neat House Dress. Linen, khaki, drill, percale, lawn, dimity, cashmere and flannelette may be employed, but the wash fabrics are most satisfactory for service and laundering. Cut in seven sizes; 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44 and 46 inches bust measure. Size 38 requires six and one half yards of 44-inch material.

Cut in seven sizes; 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44 and 46 inches bust measure. Size 38 requires six and one half yards of 44-inch material.

Waist 2392; Skirt 2400.—A Suggestion for Your New Gown. The pretty soft crepes, the new foulards and the smart ginghams, linens and shantungs are all admirably suited to this style. The Waist Pattern 2392 is cut in seven sizes; 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44 and 46 inches bust measure. The Skirt 2400 is also cut in seven sizes; 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32 and 34 inches waist measure. The entire dress will require eight and five eighths yards of 36-inch material for a medium size. Two separate patterns, 12 cents for each patterns. 2395.—A Pretty Night Dress. This model is good for cambric, lawn, batiste, crepe, silk, washable satin and also for fiannel and fiannelette. Cut in four sizes; small, 32-34; medium, 36-38; large, 40-42, and extra large, 44-46 inches bust measure. Size medium requires five and five eighths yards of 27-inch material. 2402.—A Good Style for a School Dress. Linene, linen, corduroy, pique, drill, gingham, chambray, galatea, voiles, gabardine and serge are all nice and appropriate for this style.

Cut in four sizes; eight, 10, 12 and 14 years. Size 12 requires three and three fourths yards of 44-inch material.

Blouse 2405; Skirt 2410.—A Good Outing Dress. The Blouse Pattern 2405 is cut in seven sizes; 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44 and 46 inches bust measure.

The Skirt Pattern 2410 is cut in seven sizes;

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easure. The Skirt Pattern 2410 is cut in seven sizes; 2, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32 and 34 inches waist

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2416.—Just What Your Little One Needs for a Set of Short Clothes.

Cut in five sizes; six months, one year, two, three and four years. The dress will require two yards of 36-inch material; the petticoat, one and five eighths yard of 27- or 36-inch material; the drawers, one and one quarter yards of 27- or 36-inch material, for a three-year size.

2418.—A New Play or Work Uniform for Boys. This style is good for khaki, gingham, galatea, drill, cotton, corduroy and seersucker.

Cut in five sizes; four, six, eight, 10 and 12 years. Size 10 will require four yards of 36-inch material.

2421.—A Serviceable Garment. The model is

years. Size for wire father took yates of accumateral.

2421.—A Serviceable Garment. The model is nice for khaki, galatea, gingham, chambray, drill or linene. The closing is reversible.

Cut in seven sizes; 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44 and 46 inches bust measure. Size 38 requires six yards of 36-inch material.

2422.—A Simple Summer Dress for Mother's. Girl. Batiste, voile, crepe, dimity, nainsook and lawn are nice for this model. Gingham and chambray may also be used.

Cut in five sizes; four, six, eight, 10 and 12 years. Size eight requires two and three fourths yards of 36-inch material.

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## The Girl He Loved

(CONTINUED PROM PAGE 4.)

"I wish I'd died for him," she said, with a strange involuntary turning to the man who a moment ago had judged her. And Houghton believed her.

In the silence he shivered, for the chill of death, as well as morning, was in the great room. He had had a hard night's work and no sleep, but he could not go and leave Lady Levallion. Any chance comer might hear her say something senseless, might retail it at the inquest.

"Why did you bring him here?" she cried suddenly. "This awful room—he was alive here only a little while ago."

"It seemed best." The man could not say that one reason was lest he should disturb her by taking Levallion to his own room, so that she came in and saw him before he was made ready for his coffin; the other, that here the jury would more easily view the body. He thanked God she had not got here before he carried Levallion back from that tare table in the justice-room, that she had no thought of what had been done there.

"You must come with me," he said, and for the first time she looked at him.

"You care!" she said sharply. "Oh, I thought there was no one who cared but me—and Tommy! And I never cared till tonight. God knows I'd sell my soul to have him back—even to know what he would like me to do."

"Tell the truth!" said Houghton involuntarily, and saw freezing terror in her eyes for the second time that night.

Her answer was absent, curious.

"I've nothing to tell. In my inmost soul I believe, I will believe, I've nothing to tell. Oh, if I d only made you happy, perhaps—"

"Look at his face," said Houghton simply.

But she barely heard him.

Once more she drew to her breast—now that it was too late for the man who had longed for her love to feel it—the face she had never held there in life. With anguish she kissed the shut eyes—for there are two kinds of love in a woman's heart, and if she had given one utterly to Adrian Gordon, it was the other, that is best and highest, that was Levallion's now. If she cared this hour whether Adrian Gordon lived or died it was not for his own sake

Levallion's. "Good by," she whispered. "I'll never see you again. You were too good for a little fool like me. And if I've brought you here, I'll pay for it." She took no more heed of Houghton than if he had been a stick or a stone, as she let him follow her to where Celeste waited in the hall. But though Doctor Houghton went to bed, the thoughts in his mind kept the sleep he needed away.

CHAPTER XXVI.

TRIFLES LIGHT AS AIR.

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"The last jury on earth he would have wanted!"

Doctor Houghton looked at the country neighbors whom the very irony of fate had assuredly brought together as jurors at the inquest on the death of Lord Levallion. He had systematically neglected or despised them all, and there was not a man among them who really wondered at the tragic ending of a man who had been so notoriously unpopular. Since not one of them owed either benefit or injury to Levallion they should give a strictly impartial verdict, Houghton thought, as he was sworn; yet it struck a curious anger in him when, as they viewed the body, not one of them had said "poor Lady Levallion:" and he realized that the whole county thought her a victim to a loveless marriage.

He was apparently the first witness; and, stripped of its technicalities, the gist of his evidence was that the late Lord Levallion had certainly been poisoned with some form of prussic acid in the liqueur he drank. The post-morten left no doubt of anything but the precise form in which the poison had been administered. "Some one, any one, might have been in his dressing-room, during the evening," he finished slowly. "If found this in the door, caught in the lock," producing his little rag of tweed, "but I am afraid it is no clue; for the stuff is familiar to me, and was very likely a suit of Levallion's own, which he might have worn that afternoon. Any thought of suicide is out of the question!" sharply, as a juror murmured something. "Lord Levallion was the last man to do such a thing. He was a man of very superior intellect, and was, of late, supremely happy."

He did not notice that a girl was sitting in a dark corner behind him as he stepped down from the witness-stand, and atood where the face of each fresh witness would be clearly seen. For the servants were called in, and one by one dismissed as useless.

All of them bad been sitting in the servants' hall, when Sir Thomas Annesley's dog had come through there as if it were mad, and run all round the rown par

#### Sibyl's Influence

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so much, and others so little or nothing at all.
Why is it, I wonder?" Sibyl said, with a sigh,
as she stepped again into the sleigh, and pulled
the costly robe about her.
"That is a problem over which wiser heads
than yours or mine have puzzled in vain," replied
Miss Therwin, with a smile.
"Ah! good morning, my lord duke. This is
truly an unexpected pleasure."
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"I am surprised to find you ladies in this vicinity. I presume, however, that you are 'upon deeds of mercy intent,' since nothing else could have tempted you hither," the duke replied, as he assisted Miss Therwin to her seat and covered her with the robe.

"If we were only in America, I should call you a Yankee for your shrewdness. I suppose, out of politeness, we shall be obliged to impute the same intention to you, since it is vain to suppose that Algeria street can have any more attractions for you than for us," laughed Miss Therwin, brightly, and giving him at the same time a wicked look, which slibyl did not see.

"I should say that there was considerable attraction in Algeria street just at this moment," he replied, gallantly, "but I only came this way to cut off a considerable distance on my way to the clubrooms in Maxwell street."

"Maxwell street? Ah! we shall pass that way, my lord; have a seat with us and bear us company,"—saying which Miss Therwin removed her reticule from the opposite cushions to make room

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reticule from the opposite cushions to make room for him.

"If I shall not intrude, it would give me pleasure," he returned, with a quick glance at Sibyl: but she was busied with the fastening of her glove and did not perceive it, consequently was spared the necessity of a reply.

"Certainly you will not nitrude, and there is an abundance of room, as you will perceive," answered Ada, and while his lordship was arranging the robes comfortably about him, she gave some directions to the footman in a low tone, and in another moment they were flying with the swiftness of the wind over the smoothly trodden snow.

A week passed, and Sibyl visited Mrs. Stillman every day.

The woman appeared to be worse after a day or two, and was confined to her hed, and, out of her deep sympathy for her, Sibyl often stayed with her much longer than she ought or intended. She strove to persuade her to allow her to procure a nurse to take care of her, but this the

She strove to persuade her to allow her to procure a nurse to take care of her, but this the woman gently, though firmly, refused.

She preferred, she said, not to have a stranger around her. She was often so sorrowful and unhappy that she did not wish any one to witness her grief, and all the young girl's entreaties were of no avail in that direction.

She desired also to bring Sir Athelstone to prescribe for her, but this proposition appeared to startle and excite her so much that Sibyl did not mention it a second time.

She had not spoken of her children again after that first visit, and seemed disinclined to talk much about herself but she was very grateful for the kindness and attention which Sibyl between the she was reading, Sibyl would glance to find her dark eyes fixed upon her withstered and her dark eyes fixed upon her withstered.

Legion of Death women Warriors

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The "Legion of Death," composed of Russian women who have clipped their hair, donned army uniforms, should dered rifles, and pocketed their emergency vials of cyanide of potassium is a poison that kills like a stroke of potassium is a poison that kills like a stroke of hightning, the instant it touches the tonger. These women soldiers carry it for the purpose of committing succide quickly, as a lant deeperate means to otherwise overpowered in battle and likely to fall into the hands of the enemy. To these brave and virtuous women death is infinitely preferable to the outrages customarily committed by German officers and soldiers as as a reward for viction of sensual lust through the privilege of looting and ravishment of the vanquished is offered the Kaiser's brutalized soldiers as a reward for victory, and an incentive to fight for conquest. He was an and a large to the couraging the indiscrimate outreating of the conditions of the annal of the conquest. He was a size of the control of the vanquished is offered the kaiser's brutalized soldiers as a reward for victory and an incentive to fight for conquest. He was a control of the visit. This always affected her strangely—there was a mount of the annitonance of the maintenance of the maintenance of the maintenance of the insurgents. Since then the best part of Russia has been betrayed and the subject of the terror, looting and assessination in Petrogram and in such part of Russia has been betrayed in defense when the maintenance of the circumans by Lenne and Torks, who continue their reign of terror, looting and assessination in Petrogram and in such part of Russia has been betrayed and the whole of the transmistic part of Russia has been betrayed and the whole of the transmist by Lenne and the treatment of the transmist of the creatment of the transmist of the expense of the complete the compl HE "Legion of Death," composed of Russian women who have clipped their hair, donned army uniforms, shouldered rifles, and pocketed their emergency vials of cyanide of potassium, has created a sensation. Cyanide of potassium is a poison that kills like a stroke of lightning, the instant it touches the tongue. These women soldiers carry it for the purpose of committing suicide quickly, as a last desperate means to prevent being captured alive, if wounded or otherwise overpowered in battle and likely to fall into the hands of the enemy. To these brave and virtuous women death is infinitely preferable to the outrages customarily committed by German officers and soldiers on female captives. The prospect of booty and beauty for the gratification of sensual lust through the privilege of looting and ravishment of the vanquished is offered the Kaiser's brutalized soldiers as a reward for victory and an incentive to fight for conquest. Besides encouraging the indiscriminate outraging of women in the occupied sections of enemy countries, the German government panders to and methodically provides the means for beastly immorality by gathering thousands of innocent girls from Belgium, northern France and other conquered territory and herding them in so-called "recreation camps," where they are forced to serve as "white slaves." Of German soldiers on furlough or rest leave.

This regiment of Russian women is rightly named the "Legion of Ieath," for with them it is victory or death—in battle or by suicide. They never surrender, never are taken alive.

It was not because Russia was running short of men—Russia had more men than she could arm and equip—that these heroic women voluntered for military service. Russia's immense army was becoming demoralized through terman intrigue and bribery, aided by the seditious propaganda of Russian Socialists and traitors. A mutinous spirit pervaded the ranks, desertions were common and frequent, entire divisions refused to tight or deserted in battle, leaving their loyal comrades to be mercil

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in the seige of Troy, the annals of history contain numerous accounts of the exploits of female warriors.

When Dahomey, the French colonial possession, was an independent kingdom, women were trained as soldiers in the ordinary way. The finest and most robust women, natives or captives, were drafted into the army, and formed "the flower" of the military forces. They were armed with maskets and bows and arrows, and occupied positions of distinction in battle. To harden them to the pains of war, breastworks of acacia branches and other thorny brush were erected in the training camps, and the soldier-ladies were compelled to charge and take them, barefooted and without protection. Bleeding and wounded feet were the least consequences of this form of training. Since 1894 this negro kingdom has belonged to the French, who have discouraged the participation of women in Dahomey warfare.

In the eighth century an army of women waged war against the Duke of Bohenia, captured large numbers of his men, and made slaves of them. Many women, who have played important individual parts on the field of battle, the most individual parts on the field of battle, the most belong is still standing in the little village of Domremy-la-Pucelle in France.

Mary Talbot, "the British Amaxon," began her military career as a drummer "boy" in Flanders. The officer with whom she cloped was killed in battle, whereupon she deserted, went as cabin boy on a French vessel, was captured by the English, and served with the British may, beong wounded in the naval battle of June 1st, 1704.

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"Yes, she was a dear little thing, with bright black eyes, like yours, and jet-black hair, too, only that it used to hang in long curls over her plump little shoulders."

Sibyl started, and put her hand, in a bewildered way to her head.

Like a flash there came to her at that moment in indistinct remembrance of once wearing long curls herself, and of waking up one morning and finding them all gone.

The woman noticed her start and look of bewilderment, but she continued:

"She was just as fair and beautiful as any child could be—her skin fine and soft, and the richest bloom upon her plump little cheeks. Ah! as he was my little idol."

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and she turned her face away from Sibyl's sympa-thizing gaze.

"How old did your little girl live to be?"

"Three short years only, and she was so sweet and lovable!" moaned the stricken mother.

Three years!

Again Sibyl started and caught her breath.

"How long ago was that?" something impelled her to ask

her to ask.

her to ask.

"Sixteen years; and I should judge that she would have been just about your age if she had lived you must be about nineteen, dear?" Mrs. Stillman said, looking up at her.

Siby had become very pale, and her large black eyes had a startled, anxious look in them.

A sudden suspicion had come to her a thought that terrified her, and made her feel as if the whole world were suddenly slipping from her hold.

In a railway accident!
Oh, Heaven! could she ever hear to hear the

But hear it she must. There could be no rest, no peace or quietness after this for her, until she knew the whole fatal story. She laid her hand upon the woman's arm to

She knew the whole later story.

She hald her hand upon the woman's arm to attract her attention.

"Where?" the white lips formed the word, but no sound came from them.

"On the eastern coast of England, between Scarborough and Bridlington."

"Do you know that she was killed—did you see her after—after the—accident?"

Very deliberately now the words came; very calmly, at least to all outward appearance, the young girl spoke, but the anguished eyes had become like glowing coals of fire.

"No, no, I never saw her after the first shock!" the woman answered, in wondering, awe struck tones. "I was injured and sick for a long time from nervous prostration, and when at last I was able to know about it, they told me that there were several children among the killed, who (CONTINUED ON PAGE \$4.)

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We have yielded to the requests from club-raisers for a month's extension of time in which to fill their subscription clubs at the old subscription rate of 25 cents a year. There-

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# Cubby Bear and the Frog Concert

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DON'T quite know what I shall wear," said Minnie Mink anxiously.
"It's such a dressy affair!"
"Why, I think your brown dress is pretty," Cubby Bear told her, "so smooth and glossy! And anyway."
he went on, doubtfully, "you couldn't change it.

he went on, doubtfully, "you couldn't change it, could you?"

"I think I'll borrow Furry Otter's blue beads that Santa Claus gave her," went on Minnie, not heeding Cubby Bear's question. "She will be willing, for she told me she should not go. Then I have my new spring hat, trimmed with pussy willows, and a beautiful fan made from wing feathers, which Edric Eagle gave to my grandmother long ago."

They were talking of the frog concert which was given every spring at the edge of Concert Creek, down by the river. It was a long way to go, but many of the little forest people were invited this year, and Shinyblack Crow, who knew the way quite well, was going with them. Shinyblack Crow had brought the invitations from Gruffy Grump, the manager, Froggle Franz was to be the chief singer.

"I cannot go," said Bunny Rabbit sadly. "We would be out very late, and my Baby Bunnies would get too tired. They would be cross next day, and perhaps sick. I must stay at home with them."

"Bring them to me, and I will take care of them." offered Mamms Bruin kindly. "I have

day, and perhaps sick. I must stay at home with them."

"Bring them to me, and I will take care of them," offered Mamma Bruin kindly. "I have been to Froggie Franz's concerts before, and do not care to go this time."

They started early, Cubby Bear, Bunny Rabbit, Betty Badger, Minnie Mink, Chirpy Chipmunk, Wollie Woodchuck, Squilly Porcupine, Racky Coon, and Tillie Turtle, all dressed in their best, and all eager and happy. Shinyblack Crow and Billy Bluejay fiew above them, but Brownie Whippoorwill, who was shy about being seen in daylight, was coming after dark.

"I can fly quickly," said Brownie, "and will be there in time to hear part of the concert. I will come home with the rest of you."

"I feel so mortified," whispered Bunny Rabbit to Cubby Bear, as they walked along. "I was curling my whiskers, but got the iron too hot, and burned some of them off. Does it show very badly?"

and burned some of them off. Does it show very badly?"

"They look very nice on the right side," said Cubby, "and you can hold your handkerchief up to the left side when anyone is looking at you. They will soon grow again," he added comfortingly.

After going for some distance, they missed Tillie Turtle.

"Where can she be?" asked Minnie Mink.
"Oh, she is so slow!" said Betty Badger.
"Perhaps when we are on our way home, we shall meet her, still coming!"

They all laughed, but Cubby Bear said, "If we sail had to carry our houses on our backs, we might be as slow as Tillie. It is too bad for as to leave her. I will go back and find her."

"No, Cubby Bear! If you do, you will hear to concert tonight! Come with us," urged Squilly Porcupine.

Porcupine.

But Cubby Bear went back, and found poor

were there, most of them strangers, but among heads, and leaning gracefully on his slender them Cubby Bear saw Blue Bittern, who had cane. Gruffy Grump seemed everywhere at once, been kind to him once when he was lost in the being manager, and spoke sharply to some young swamp. They sat down with the others on the frogs who were a little noisy.



ON THE LARGE LILY PADS THE FROGS GATHERED TO GIVE THEIR FROG CONCERT

Porcupine.
But Cubby Bear went back, and found poor Tille, creeping slowly along.
"I ought to have started earlier," she said.
"You must not wait for me, Cubby Bear, but it was good of you to come back."," said Cubby.
"I can carry you quite easily," said Cubby.
"Now cling tight, and do not fall. We shall soon overtake the rest."

When they came to the creek, many others

bank of the creek, and had not long to walt before the concert began.
In the creek, many large pads of the yellow frogs, who sang

THE FALLING RAIN.

Showers of Springtime, dropping pure and bright, and seemed not to notice the others at all, looking high above their This is our delight! This is our delight! This is our delight!

By Lena B. Ellingwood

All the little forest people applauded, and the lady frogs smiled and bowed.

"I love the water, too!" said Minnie Mink.

Then Robbie Reddie flew down from a tree and sang his beautiful "Cheerly-Cheer-Up" song, which was a surprise to all his friends, and Betty Badger threw him the bouquet of Mayflowers she had meant for Froggie Franz.

As the twilight faded, the fireflies, who had promised to help, gathered about, and kept their little lights twinkling.

Froggie Franz came forward and sang the first verse of "Frogland, Happy Frogland," and all the frogs were singing the chorus together,

Happy are we, singing Gr-ump-te ump,

Happy are we, singing Gr-ump-te ump,
when a stone, thrown from a high bank across
the creek, splashed into the water.
Every frog disappeared under the lily pads,
and the audience scampered away from the bank
as the water splashed around them.
"Whoo—whoo—whoo dared do such a thing?"
demanded Mr. Wise Owl in his sternest voice.
"It was Foxy Reynard!" cried Robbie Reddie,
who had flown quickly over,
"Oh, shame on him!"
Then Robbie, usually so gentle, gave Foxy a
sharp peck on the nose, which was so unexpected that Foxy, standing near the edge of the
bank, lost his balance and fell with a big, big
splash, into the waters of the creek.
He swam away as fast as he could, confused
and ashamed. Trying to spoil the concert had
not been the fun he expected.
"He will not be back tonight," said Mr. Wise
Owl. "It will be quite safe to go on with the
concert."
So the audience settled themselves once more.

so the audience settled themselves once more, and the frogs, one by one, hopped up on the lily pads, their evening suits and white vests looking all the fresher for the wetting they had had. "As our song was interrupted, we will commence it again," announced Gruffy Grump. "But I am sorry to say that Froggle Franz has had such a fright, he will not try to sing again, and has gone home to bed. I will do my best to take his place."

Everyone cheered, and Gruffy Grump, capat the

Everyone cheered, and Gruffy Grump sang the four verses of the song, all the frogs joining in on the chorus, "Happy are we, singing gr-ump-te-ump."

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At the close of the concert, Gruffy Grump said: "Now we have a pleasant surprise for you, through the kindness of our friend Cubby Bear."

Cubby Bear brought a basket from a clump of bushes where he had hidden it. He took off the cover, and there, brown and crisp and delicious and filling the basket to the brim, were some beautiful buns which Mamma Bruin had baked that day!

Cubby Bear passed them around, plenty for everyone there, and two left over to send to Froggle Franz.

"Three cheers for Cubby Bear!" called out

"Three cheers for Cubby Bear!" called out Gruffy Grump, "and may he come to our frog concert every spring!"
"'Rah! 'Rah!" shouted Tillie Turtle, waving her bonnet wildly.

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"Che-eerily-cheer-up!" trilled Robbie Reddie.
"Too-whit! Too-whoo!" called Mr. Wise Owl, and was joined with cries of "Caw! Caw-caw-caw!" "Hooray!" "Tweet, tweet!" "Here! here!" "Whip-whip-whip-poor-will!" "Gr-ump! gr-ump! ump! ump! ump-te-ump!"

So the concert ended with cheers for Cubby Bear, and they all started happily for home, eating their buns on the way.

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His family was old in Virginia, planters for generations. He did not enlist in the Confederate service, being persuaded that his patriotic duty would be better performed in the maintenance of the works which were the most important sources of the iron supply of the Confederacy. In those works the Merrimac was outfitted, under military control, and, strange to say, the Federal army, though frequently raiding the region, never thoroughly destroyed the plant, and the blast furnaces were operated almost continuously through the war.

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# JUNE COMFORT

Although it is thirteen months since we entered the war by formal declaration, so little of the horrors of the conflict has come home to America that many of our people have not taken the situation with due seriousness until recently. But day by day, now, the stern reality is growing upon them as one privation or sacrifice after another is required of them, and with it they are awaking to a new spirit of determination and devotion.

June COMFORT will help its readers to meet these increasingly trying exactions effectively and perform their duty hopefully, cheerfully and with abiding faith. The following are a few of the

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Few men die of old age. Achievment gives command. Ambition is a hungry tyrant. Anger makes a poor guardian.

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No man gains heaven by making earth a hell. The touch of Time has mouldered many a tower.

God is a worker who has filled infinity with grandeur. The world always seeks the man who will take responsibility.

Before all days are made holidays, all men should become heroes.

If you climb a height you will be easier seen, but will look smaller. He who has left a rogue behind him has made a good

The two misfortunes of life are, that we are born young and become old.



One Acre of	Yield	Contains Digestib
Alfalfa	4 tons	4500 lbs.
Corn silage	12 tons	4000 lbs.
Corn grain	60 bus.	3000 lbs.
Clover	2 tons	2500 lbs.
Timothy	1 1/2 tons	1500 lbs.

IV. No Freight to Pay on Alfalfa Feed.—
If the farmer raises his own alfalfa he has no freight bill to pay, no waiting for a car of feed to come in, no hauling from town, no sacks to buy, no inconvenience, no annoyance about getting feed. He just goes into the haymow and throws it down. In war times, when it is so hard to get cars and so difficult to get feed from a distance, alfalfa solves the feed problem.

#### How to Succeed with Aifalfa

There are half a dozen things which the farmer must know in order to succeed in growing alfalfa. These are liming, inoculation, tillage, seeding, cutting and winter killing. Knowing how to do all of these, the farmer cannot fail. Not knowing how to do any one of the above properly may stand in the way of success.

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ALFALFA MUST HAVE LIME.—Alfalfa must have lime. If there isn't enough lime in the soil the farmer must put it there. Alfalfa will not grow on a sour soil. This is because the bacteria which are so necessary to a proper growth of alfalfa cannot live in a sour soil. The soil should be tested with litmus paper and if the moist soil turns blue litmus paper red, it is acid and must have lime—two to four tons per acre, depending on the sourness of the soil. For liming, ground lime stone is best. It can be applied with a manure spreader or a lime distributor to the surface of the soil after plowing. It should never be plowed under, but harrowed into the surface of the soil.

How to Inoculate for Alfalfa.—There are

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How to Inoculate for Alfalfa.—There are several ways to inoculate the soil for alfalfa, but only one or two will be given here.

The nodules which grow on the roots of alfalfa contain germs, called bacteria, which take the nitrogen from the air and build it into the plant, making the soil rich and increasing at the same time the protein content of the plant. If these germs are not in the soil they must be put there. Putting these germs into the soil is called inoculation. One way is to get soil from an old alfalfa field and sprinkle it lightly over the land—or from a sweet clover patch by the roadside which contains the same kind of germs. The other way is to make a thin mucilage or giue and moisten the seed with it, then sprinkle the seed with inoculated soil which has been previously dried. The glue will stick the soil particles to the seed and a little soil will go a long way. When dry, the soil will be sown with the seed, and each seed, being coated with its own soil particles, will be properly inoculated.

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Proper Tillage for Alfalfa.—Alfalfa land must be well tilled. It takes good soil to grow alfalfa. A wet soil will not do, nor a poorly drained one, nor a sandy one. The soil must be well worked and all weed seeds sprouted and killed by running over with a fine tooth harrow every few days for a week or two; otherwise the weeds may choke out the alfalfa before it gets a

How and When to Sow Alfalfa.—Alfalfa may be sown early in the spring with a light seeding of oats and barley as a nurse crop, or as late as July without a nurse crop if the ground is properly prepared. From ten to twenty pounds of good seed to the acre is used, depending upon locality, the heavier seeding being advised for the upper Mississippi valley and the northeastern states.

WHEN TO CUT ALFALFA.—Alfalfa must be cut as soon as the little shoots appear at the crown of the plant. This is about the time that the first blossoms are forming. If alfalfa is let stand longer than this, the machine will cut off the growing shoots that form the beginning of the second crop, and retard it very much. In this case but two crops can be cut per season, while if cut at the proper time three or even four crops can be harvested.

Alfalfa should not be cut too late in the fall, never after the first killing frosts come on. It must get a good start before winter sets in, to hold the snow and protect the roots. Late-cut alfalfa is in very great danger of winter killing.

WHY ALFALFA WINTER KILLS.—Late cutting.

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Alfalfa—War Bread for Stock

ITH the present hish price of feeds and the difficulty in securing them; it is of great importance for the farmer to grow his own feeds if he possibly can. For this purpose there is nothing quite so good as alfalfa. There are several reasons why alfalfa is the best feed to grow.

I. ALFALFA Is A RICH FEED.—Alfalfa is the richest protein feed grown on the farm. One care of good alfalfa yleids more protein than three acres of clover or ten acres of timothy. Protein is the feed that makes both milk and meat. Bran is a good feed for cows because it contains much protein. So, too, is oil meal and gluten feed, but alfalfa hay well cured is just as good feed, pound for pound, as bran. Many of our "patent" stock foods are prepared from ground alfalfa as a base. Alfalfa is the richest forage crop grown on the farm and a splendid supplement to corn silage.

II. ALL ANIMALS LIKE ALFALFA.—Alfalfa is good for or silage.

II. ALL ANIMALS LIKE ALFALFA.—Alfalfa is good for rood sows and is greatly relished by horses, sheep and cattle. In fact, all farm animals like alfalfa and do well on it.

III. ALFALFA A HEAVY YIELDER.—An acre of alfalfa with the digestible feed in a acre of alfalfa with the digestible feed in a acre of alfalfa with the digestible feed in a acre of alfalfa with the digestible food in good of other crops is shown below:

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\$5 a year in grain and other commodities. That would amount to a billion dollars annually, or one third of the current liberty loan? To produce the amount of food annually destroyed by rats would require the entire time and work of 150,000 farmers, and another 50,000 men would be kept busy repairing damages due to rats. Rats destroyed 3360 hams in one packing house in one year, and in two weeks carried away, without leaving a shell behind, 70 dozen out of 100 dozen stored eggs. We need not remind our readers of the inroads rats make every year on every farm in the chicken yards and houses and in the granaries and fields. A moment's consideration will make it evident that this awful menace to our food resources should be lessened to the greatest possible degree and at once.

#### Questions and Answers About Horses

Beginners in live stock husbandry will find useful information in the following list of questions and answers, and we shall be glad to receive and answer other questions about the horse or other animals, from time to time.

Q. How many teeth has an adult horse?
A. The male horse has 40 teeth, viz: six incisor or pincher teeth in the upper and lower jaw; three premolar, and three true molar or grinding teeth, above and below, in each jaw, on each side of the mouth, and one canine tooth, or tusk, between the incisors and premolars, above and below, on each side of the mouth, in each jaw. The mare has 36 teeth, the four tusks being absent. jaw. T absent.

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G. What are "wolf" teeth?

A. They are vestiges of anterior premolar teeth which were present in the mouth of the prehistoric horse millions of years ago. These teeth and the anterior premolars came just in front of the first premolars in the upper and lower jaws. Wolf teeth are only found in the upper jaw. They are small, have short roots, are unimportant and never cause disease or weakness of the eyes.

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Q. Why is horse dentistry necessary?

A. The grinders do not completely cross one another when in action, but grind on a slant, leaving the hard enamel long and sharp next to the cheeks above and tongue below. The resultant sharp points interfere with mastication (chewing), and should be filed down in fall and spring. Milk tooth crowns also should be removed, split or diseased molars removed, and long teeth cut down level when such conditions are found present. The horse does well when his teeth are kept in order. present. The kept in order.

eggs, potatoes, bread and buckwheat cakes, butter, honey, syrup and fruit and vegetables keep all of my family healthy." It is an easy matter to use less beef on the farm, while mutton should be more freely used: but it is a sad mistake to lessen the ration of milk and eggs for the people and milk and "all of the plants of cereals and legumes" for the animals.

\*\*Artillery Horses Wanted\*\*

Army inspectors are looking for suitable horses for siege artillery work. Horses for this pur
kept in order.

\*\*O. What is the function of saliva in the mouth from numerous ducts connecting with salivary glands, notably the great parotid gland under each ear. These glands supply upwards of 80 pounds of saliva a day, and this fluid softens and lubricates the food to make swallowing possible, while an active principle of saliva, called ptyalin, acts upon starchy matters of the food and changes them to sugar (dextrin and maltose).

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of grain, hay to be correspondingly reduced in

Q. Should a horse have ground feed?
A. Every horse that has sound teeth should grind his own feed, with the exception of bran. Ground feed is "bolted" too fast without sufficient chewing, and causes indigestion.

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O. Is bran mash good for a horse?

A. Hot bran mash is an unnatural and indigestible food for a horse, and soured mash is more dangerous. Mashes suddenly fed tend to cause a derangement of the digestive organs, or dangerous or fatal colic. The practice of feeding hot bran mash on Saturday nights is dying out in well-managed stables. Mash is useful in preparing a horse for an aloes physic ball, and sometimes is relished by a sick horse, but must be allowed in moderation and not too often.

O. How should bran be fed?

A. Mix one ninth part of fresh wheat bran by weight with whole oats for horses and dampen it at feeding time. Dry bran may cause choke. Colts may have one sixth to one half part of bran with whole eats. Idle horses may also have a larger proportion of bran.

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Q. Is corn (maize) good feed for horses?

A. Yes; as a part ration where oats can be provided. Feed ear corn at noon in addition to oats and bran, or as the sole noon meal. Shelled corn is eaten too fast. Corn must be absolutely free from mould for horses. Feed as an exclusive ration it is too heating and fattening. It is well balanced by sound alfalfa hay, or part alfalfa, and part mixed cloved hay.

Q. What about silage for horses?
A. Sound corn silage may form a small part of the ration for idle horses and growing colts, but it is too loosening for horses at hard work and has been found injurious to breeding stallions and pregnant mares. Mouldy silage is deadly. Prefer roots to silage for horses. Carrots, parsmips and rutabagas are most suitable.

Q. Is barley suitable feed for horses?
A. Barley and barley hay are the chief feeds for horses in some districts on the Pacific Coast.
Horses gradually may be accustomed to such feed. Given suddenly, indigestion is caused.

Four

Beautiful Ferns

# Patriotism and Sound Criticism

Extract from Subscriber's Letter

Dear Mr. Gannett:

In compliance with your suggestion, I have sent Congressman Bankhead a petition signed by COMFORT subscribers in this neighborhood who join me in asking him to use his influence in favor of the repeal of the zone-rate law before it takes effect. We want a uniform rate of second-class postage, regardless of distance.

I believe our Government also made a great mistake in raising the letter postage to three cents.

Men engaged in unnecessary industries or employments should be sent to the farms to help produce wheat and other food so much needed to feed our soldiers and our Allies.

If vin are to whip the beastly Germans we must give up every luxury during

COMFORT monthly gives the farmers plenty of good reading. What better advice could be given than COMFORT'S editorials? And Uncle Charlie writes on this war just as I would if I had the talent. But I haven't, so I will plant a garden, can fruit and vegetables, raise chickens, eat corn bread and save the flour for our noble boys who are suffering in the trenches and braving the terrible gas.

May God help us to win this war-is my prayer.

Sincerely yours,

E. W. HAMMOND.

P. S. I have been a subscriber to COMFORT over twenty years and I have Uncle Charlie's four books.

pose must weigh from 1400 to 1700 pounds and be sound and all right in limb and whad and will be bought at \$200 each with no commissions to dealers or middlemen. Readers of this paper who have such horses to sell should list them with the nearest army veterinarian, or with the district council of defense, or with the emergency or regular county agricultural agent. Only mature horses will be taken, as we understand it, so it will be useless to offer young colts. The horses being taken are blocky, well-developed, sound and docile animals. There also is some demand for cavalry horses, but these, we understand, largely are being bought in California. Light horses for other branches of the service are being sent to the big city markets, consigned to contractors, or picked up by their agents in the country. The demand for army horses, and the fact that horse breeding is apparently becoming unpopular with many farmers, leads us to conclude that before long there will be a veritable horse famine for the best classes of draft horses, and we therefore think it unwise for men to abandon horse breeding. Every informed horseman confidently looks for a big demand for good drafters at the close of the war.

Summer Pigs

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This year there will be a good market for pigs. The government has attempted to fix the price and this will mean a ready sale. The demand for pork for the use of the army and navy and by all the principal European countries will continue brisk. Hence the farmer should raise an extra summer litter. This can be done by breeding sows again right after they farrow in the spring. These summer pigs will make good gains on pasture and be ready for finishing off for market about Holiday time.

#### Swat the Rat

kill than are the harder northern grown varieties. Among these the Grimm, Baitic and Cossack appear to be the best.

Milk for Young Animals

The present price is so tempting to many men that they are selling every pound of milk they produce to the condensory or factory or city dealer. That is a grave mistake, Skim

Q. Describe the stomach of a horse.

A. The horse's stomach is small, holding but two to four gallons. Its walls have three layers, viz: inner, nucous; middle, nuscular, and outer, serous. There is but one compartment, the left side of which does not secrete digestive juices, while the right side is lined with villous mucous membrane which secretes gastric juice, 100 pounds or more of which is needed daily, and it acts in the presence of hydrochloric acid and pepsin, changing the food to an acid, soft-samplike mass. changing the food to an acid, soft-soaplike mass called chyle.

Q. Where does the water go when a horse drinks?

A. A horse may drink five or more gallons of water at one time when thirsty, and it passes through the stomach and through 75 feet of small intestine, and is collected in the first large intestine or cecum, sometimes called the "water bag," or "second stomach." Theoretically, drinking water always should be given before feeding.

Q. What becomes of hay eaten by the horse?
A. Hay is chewed and wetted with saliva in the mouth, passes quickly through the stomach and small intestines, and largely is digested in the cecum and large intestine (colon) by action bacteria (germs) rather than

Q. When should a work horse be fed hay?
A. Theoretically, it is best to feed hay after water, and before grain. A little hay may be allowed first thing in the morning, and the balance at night when the horse is working hard. A pound or so of hay should be fed at noon in hot weather, while the horse is cooling off, then give grain feed. grain feed.

O. How much hay does a horse require?
A. A pound of first-class hay for each 100 pounds of body weight is needed as a day's allowance by a hard worked horse. Many allow a trifle over this amount, and the quantity should also be increased and grain lessened when the horse is idle.

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Bust Bee, Ralph, Mich.—You may correspond with this young man who has a "steady" girl. But why waste your time? (2) You may write to the nice young man that you have several times refused to marry, if he wishes you to, and you are kind enough to comply in a friendly way. Better not write to a soldier boy that you have never seen; the military authorities disapprove of such correspondence.

Craus, Birmingham, Ala.—We are not certain that we know exactly what you mean about writing "first" to this girl after Christmas. If you had exchanged gifts, you should have written her thanking her. But there is no quarreling with a girl about how often you should write her. If she says you have not written when you should, agree to it, and write her as often as she likes.

C. D., Atlanta, Ga.—If you have a handkerchief and a picture belonging to a young lady and she has asked you for them, you must return them at once. (2) If a girl thinks you are joking when you tell her you love her, you must have told her in the wrong way. Try again, and let her see that you are serious. For true love is no joke.

BROWN KYES, Pataskala, O.—A girl of thirteen may be 'friendly' with boys, just as she should be 'friendly' with everybody. (2) A schoolgirl of thirteen wears her hair just as her mother tells her to wear it. And we hope you are as sensible as your letter, which was a very creditable one for your age.

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RACHERAL, Loms, W. Va.—Remember that you are not "interduced" to a man, because the gentleman is always introduced to the lady. You need do no more at the time than to bow and smile pleasantly. The man will say something, if you give him a chance. You may shake hands or not, as you choose. (2) An eighteen year old girl should not start in corresponding with a list of names of men whom she does not know. Etiquette and propriety would be very strong against it.

P. F., Carthage, Ind.—There would be certain to be some talk, even under the circumstances you mention, if you had been in the habit of riding at night two miles into the country with two young men. If you wish to avoid the gossip, you will have to get some older woman to make a part of the company. Gossip is gossip. One must either avoid it or bear it.

LILY OF THE PRAIRIE, Alberta, Can.—Yes may accept again the escort of the young man if you are thoroughly satisfied with his apology for having failed in his appointment before. The excuse given in your letter hardly reads as a sufficient one under the circumstances. Your brother's high opinion of the young man should count in the matter, however. (2) It is well not to write too many letters to young men, and your mother shows good judgment in overseeing your correspondence.

M. A., Fort Valley, Ga.—A girl of fourteen should not go automobile riding with older boys unless ac-companied by her mother. (2) You may receive simple gifts of candy, books or flowers from boy friends—but no expensive gifts. Simple thanks by word or by a note is sufficient.

NANNIE AND COUNTRY GIRL, Alpena, Mich.—If you are eighteen and have a friend now fighting for Uncle Sam, etiquette would have nothing to say against your writing to or receiving friendly letters from your friend. But your mother may have some particular reason for wishing you not to answer the letters and you should be guided by her advice. Would it not be a good idea to let her see the letters? Perhaps if she read them she would be willing to let the correspondence continue.

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Geraldence, Port Huron, Mich.—It was right, as you are but sixteen, to have your older sister accompany you to the theater with the young man you mentally in the young in letting him hold your hand and give you the ring which you say you accepted. We think you should return this ring, simply saying that your parents object to your receiving any expensive gifts. For this is not only good ctiquette, but sound common sense.

WILD WEST, Wis.—It is not necessary for you to return the Christmas gift to the young man who sent it to you and with whom you are no longer friendly. (2) You are doting quite right in refusing to receive any serious attentions from the second young man until you know him better, and more about him. As for the third young man, if you are in doubt as to whether the cares about you, how can we tell in far-off Maine? It you had a copy in your hands. For twelve years

If you are a new girl in a town where there are so few of your sex, you are sure to be popular.

DOLLY AND DIMFLES, Tabor, Iowa.—You may go with schoolboys of your high school class to parties—if your parents do not object. (2) You are certainly right to refuse attentions of any sort from boys whom you have not met before.

#### Comfort's League of Cousins

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 9.)

unless you make good use of him. George told me to tell you that if any of you cousins intend visiting Philadelphia you were to be sure to make a call on him and get a little mint sauce. Just think of millions of money being made every day and by machinery. Doesn't it make your eyes blink? George says he thinks after he has run that machine for about fifty years he will be able to invest in a dozen eggs and a potato or two. I like a man who is ambitious, but a féllow no matter how hungry should not let his hopes soar too high with food at present prices. George makes millions of dollars for Uncle Sam every week, and only charges him a hundred dollars a month for doing the job, Isn't George a noblehearted, unselfish boy? I wonder what Bryan and Rockefeller would charge for a job like that? They'd want the whole mint, and then some. George is a patriot and a credit to his country. Thank God he is not a copperhead, or a white livered pacifist.

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Mrs. Minnie Bracken, Bee Log, N. C. Invalid. Forty-seven years of age. Husband blind. Send them some of the sympathy that buys bread. Mrs. Susan Purdy, Sanville, Va. Aged, sick and poor. No means of support. Would appreciate second-hand clothing, quilt pieces and any assistance you care to send her. Miss Florence Arthur, R. R. 1. Hox 63, Ona, W. Va. Cripple for twenty years. Needy and worthy. Well recommended. Send her a greenback shower. John R. Coble, R. R. 1. Millisboro, N. C. Helpless shut-in. Would appreciate cheery letters and financial help. Mrs. Emma Jenkins, R. R. 1. Walling, Tenn. Shut-in. Forty-three years of age. Can't walk a step. Very worthy case. Send her a greenback shower. Invalid for fifteen years. Poor and needy. Send her some cheer. Mrs. Martha Bell, 1217 E. Madison St., Springfield, Ill. Sixty-seven years of age. Alone and sick. No means of support. Semd her some help. Mrs. Sarah Clifton, Stella, Va. Shut-in. Would appreciate quilt pieces and second-hand clothing.

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In the days of knighthood when war seemed to be the chief business of the world, men fought with swords and spears instead of machine guns and rifles. The men were encased in armor from head to foot. The helmet, which protected the head and face of the knight, must have been even more uncomfortable than the gas masks of our khaki soldiers.

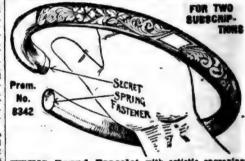
Yes, helmets, were heavy. To relieve himself of the awkward load as soon as he stepped inside his castle was the knight's homeward thought. He did the same way when he visited with friends. If a beautiful lady were present, he desired to smile upon her as soon as possible, and would take off the cumbersome helmet so that each could see the other's face. When hats displaced helmets, the custom was changed to tipping. tipping.

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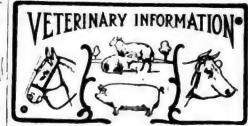


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Some on Jaw.—My cow, two years old, is in good condition so far as I can see, but she has a sore on her under jaw that will not heal. It seems as though she had lost a tooth. She eats all right. R. B. B. A.—We suspect that actinomycoals (lump jaw) is the trouble present. Faint the sore once daily with the trouble present. Faint the sore once daily with the trouble present. If this does not help, you will have to employ a qualified veterinarian to operate.

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OBSTINATE WOUND.—A year ago, my cow pony cut his right hind leg, just above the bock joint, on a barbed wire fence. It rums pus in places. At the top of the cut is a hole about as large as a pencil; the other place is about middle way and at one side. The leg is swellen above the joint. The sore leg does not seem to bother him any.

A.—Clip off the hair and wash the leg clean; then paint the swellen place once daily with thecture of iodine and at the same time inject into the discharging place a little of a mixture of one dram of iodoform and two ounces of sulphuric ether. It would be well to make sure that a foreign body, such as a sliver, is not present in the wound.

Alling; Warbless.—My heifer three years old this

Alling; Warbles.—My heifer three years old this month is very thin, eating but little. I feed her good fodder and some corn. Her eyes are weak, as water drops from them. (2) She has warbles on her back bone. What can I do for them? What is the matter with the cow?

A.—It is to be feared that the cow has tuberculosis. To determine that, have the tuberculin test applied by a veterinarian. Meanwhile, keep her by herself and do not use her milk. The warble grub may be removed by pressing down tightly on each of them in turn with the open mouth of a large bottle; then destroy the grubs.

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LUMP ON ANKLE.—Ploughing with a mule, on new ground, he stepped into a stump hole and sprained his left fore ankle and was lame for some time. A knot has come on the ankle. What will remove it? J. A. D. - A.—Clip off the hair and apply tincture of iodine to the lump every other day. Stop treatment for a time when the skin becomes blistered.

when the skin becomes blistered.

Thosoughfin.—My driving mare, six years old, has a lump on each side of her left knee. The places are soft. She doesn't limp. They disfigure her looks.

E. L. A.

A.—These puffs are distensions filled with joint oil and are practically incurable. Some good possibly may be done by rubbing in twice daily some 10 per cent. iodine petrogen or vasogen, or by using a commercial absorbent according to directions printed on the label.

absorbent according to directions printed on the label. FISTULA OF TEAT.—I have a cow that has a hole in left front teat a little larger than a pin hole. She loses her milk all day long. What can I do to prevent the milk from running? Mas. W. H. B. A.—Until cow is dry, prevent leaking of milk by applying flexible collodion to the false opening. If that does not avail, put on a strip of surgeon's tape or plaster. When the cow is dry, have a surgeon operate, or burn the lining membrane of the fistulous tract with a red hot knitting needle and it may close.

GARGET.—I have a heifer that was two and one half

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GARGET.—I have a helfer that was two and one half years old when she brought her first calf. She was in good health and did fine for a few days. When the swelling went out of the udder she grew sick and remained so until the swelling returned, when she is better.

L. E. R.

A.—Give the helfer a physic of epsom salts (one pound) in three pints of warm water. When it has acted, give twice daily two tenspoonfuls of powdered saltpeter and poke root in water. Milk three times a day and each night rub a little warm melted lard on the affected quarters of the udder.

Fistula of Teat.—I have a two-year old helfer.

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Fistula of Teat.—I have a two-year old heifer and in milking she has a leakage of the teat, the milk coming out about haif way up the teat and also at the tip. What causes it and what is the remedy?

A.—An extra or false opening is present and it may have come from a wound of the teat wall. For the present, try the effect of a patch or bandage of surgeon's tape. When the cow is dry, the fistula may be closed by cauterization with a red hot knitting needle, or, better still, by an operation to be done by an expert surgeon.

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FORAGE POISONING.—Can you tell me what was the matter with my horse? Sweaty spots came on his hips and he staggered and swayed when he walked. This began a week before he died. He fell down as though paralyzed and scemed to be weak in his parts and unable to get up, living three days after he fell. I fed him about a quart of cooked rye and all the hay he could eat.

A.—The horse died of cerebro-apinal meningitis, often called "forage poisoning," as it is caused by microorganisms in feed. Possibly the hay contained the poison. Cooked rye, however, is quite unsuitable feed for a horse and may have caused the trouble. No certain remety has been found for the disease mentioned. A physic may be given at the outset of an attack and followed with stimulants, but only a trained veterinarian can give appropriate treatment.

FOUNDER.—My six-year old mare was foundered two

SELE-SUCKING Cow.—I have a fine cow that has been sucking herself for two months. She is three years old. Is there any way to stop it? J. T. W. A.—Just put an old horse collar on the cow's neck and see how puzzled and annoyed she looks when she finds it impossible to rob her own dairy.

DEATH OF PIGS.—What was the matter with my pigs? I lost five. Two of them was sick three or four hours before death, the other three died instantly. They seemed choked for a moment, blood came from their mouths. They were fat and running at large. They did not all die at the same time but from one to two weeks apart.

A.—A post-mortem examination should have been made to determine the cause of death. The symptoms a suggest poisoning, but anthrax might cause similar symptoms. Give the remaining hogs a change of pasture and if any more take sick, have a qualified veterinarian make an investigation.

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Much barley also tends to cause itching skin. This grain should be rolled for horses and made a small part of the ration with oats and corn. Boiled barley, with bran, roots and chaffed hay and straw used to be popular for fattening show and sale horses.

Q. What about wheat and rye!
A. Wheat sowed with oats tends to prevent lodging, and the combination grain, sometimes called "succotash," is fine for horses, provided the proportion of wheat is small. Both wheat and rye derange the digestive organs when too liberally fed, and gorging on either grain tends to cause fatal colic (enteritis).

Q. Should work horses have green grass?
A. During the busiest season of the year horses do better if fed on oats and hay. Green grass loosens the bowels and causes "softness." Still, horses should be allowed a roll on grass at noon and night, and should rest on pasture after crops are in and harvested. Feed is so high in price, however, that the small farmer pastures his work horses as often as he can and grass taken right along is safer than a little now and then. and then.

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O. How often should horses drink water?

A. By rights they should have it at will, and at all events at least three times a day in ordinary weather and oftener in hot weather when they work hard. Take drinking water to the field for work horses during the summer season.

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Q. What causes heaves?

A. The common cause is working the horse with his digestive organs distended with coarse, bulky roughage, such as ripe timothy hay, second growth or threshed clover. Gluttonous horses contract the disease from over eating hay. Give work horses not more than one or two pounds of hay while cooling off at noon. Wet all dusty hay, preferably with lime water. So far as possible, don't work a horse immediately after a full meal.

Q. Can heaves be relieved?

A. Yes. Feed oat straw or bundles instead of hay. Wet all feed with lime water. Keep the bowels active by feeding roots and bran. Give no bulky feed at noon, and do not work the horse soon after a meal. Half an ounce of Fowler's solution of arsenic given night and morning relieves the cough and distress in breathing.

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#### Questions and Answers

BRINE FOR SALTING PORK.—Please give me the recipe for pickle for putting down sait pork. I clipped the recipe from COMFORT some time ago but it has gone astray.

MES. J. LA R.

A.—Beven pounds salt, two pounds sugar, four ounces sait-peter to each hundred pounds of pork. Dissoive in water, boil and cool before pouring over the packed pork. Add enough water to completely cover the meat. Leave bacon for two or three weeks in this brine; hams for five or six weeks. Remove, drain and smoke with cobs or hickory wood. The same pickle may be used for dried beef.

POTATO CULTIVATION.—We have never had any lock.

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POTATO CULTIVATION.—We have never had any luck in raising potatoes, so I would like to know how deep potatoes should be planted; how far apart in the row, and how far apart the rows should be. Should the potatoes be hilled or not? If so, about when and how much should they be hilled?

MRS. T. K., Cassville, Wis.

A.—Potatoes should be planted not less than three inches deep, one foot apart in rows placed two feet eight inches to three feet apart. If potatoes are planted shallow, less than three inches deep, they should be hilled; otherwise it is not necessary. The object of hilling is to prevent the new potatoes from coming out of the ground in growing, which they will not do if planted deep. Potatoes need rich sandy or loam soil and plenty of cultivation. They will not do well on stiff clay. Bugs must not be allowed to eat the tops. To kill the bugs, spray with Paris green or arsenate of lead solution. Two or three sprayings may be required at intervals. It is the usual practice in Maine to hill at least two or three inches high about the plants. This may be done when the plants are five or six inches tall. We recommend hilling potatoes.

MOLES AND CRAYFISH.—Mrs. E. J. Walters, of Wrycross. Ga., advises using a mixture of Paris green and

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Molks and Crayfish — Mrs. E. J. Walters, of Wrycross, Ga., advises using a migture of Paris green and cotton seed meal for destruction of moles and crayfish or mole crickets. She says: "Sow the poisoned meal in furrows about four inches deep and ten feet apart. These creatures like the meal and will run the furrows to eat it, and the poison will kill them. I have tried it and know it is effective."

('Ontrolling Carrage Worms.—Mrs. M. E. W., of Hubby, Wash., writes recommending cayenne pepper as an effective remedy for cabbage worms by dusting it on the cabbages early in the morning, while the dew is on, so it will stick. The editor has known of powdered white hellebore being used in the same way for destroying cabbage worms. The objection to the use of white hellebore is that its cost has increased so since the war that it is pretty expensive for large use, and we should think cayenne pepper might be subject to the same cost objection.

#### Wonders of the Desert

Where everything is wonderful on the great desert of the Colorado in Southern California, still there are many unusual things that stand out prominently above the rest. In the Imperial valley, while the average depth below the level of the sea is approximately 200 feet, everything goes on as usual, with no fear that the waters of the Pacific, by way of the guif, will rush in and overcome all. Strangely, too, the rivers run backwards—for instance, both the Alamo and New rivers take their rise from the main flow of the Colorado and pursue a tortuous course over the flow of the desert northward from the



Mexican border and finally deposit their flood in Salton sea. The desert is so nearly level, there being a drop from the bed of the Colorado river of only about four feet to the mile, that at one point in the desert the main channels of the two rivers are separated by a wall of earth only thirty feet in thickness.

The salt water fish of Salton sea are another desert wonder. They are the mullet, and were introduced into the great inland sea by the shore birds flocking from the Gulf of Mexico. The eggs hatching readily in the saline waters, the increase was so rapid that it is estimated there are today millions of pounds of edible fish in the sea. The mullet attains a weight of eleven pounds, and as it feeds entirely upon vegetable matter, is delectable. Seeds of desert weeds blown into the sea keep the fish so fat that no grease is required in their cooking.

What a few years ago was an island in the sea now stands four miles from the shore, although retaining its old name—Pumice island. Here miners are busy shipping pumice at the rate of a carload per week to the eastern markets, where it is in great demand, since shipments of pumice from Europe have been stopped by the war.









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T. F. F., Washington.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that mortgages are gen-

less the wife in writing consents thereto.

T. F. F., Washington.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that mortgages are generally made to secure promissory notes and are usually accompanied by bonds; but if no separate instrument is given, nor any express agreement in the mortgage, the remedy of the mortgagee is confined to the property mortgaged; we think your liability for a deficiency judgment against you on the sale of your mortgaged premises would depend upon whether your mortgage was accompanied by a note or other instrument or whether there was any provision in the mortgage debt. We think the property of a minor should be administered by a general guardian appointed for that purpose.

Mns. F. B. M., Illinois.—We do not think you can be compelled to pay for the subscription of the paper you mention, if you notified the publisher to discontinue sending same to you, and refused to accept same from the mails.

Mas. A. M. L., Colorado.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that any householder, being the head of a family, or the husband or wife of such householder, may have his or her property, if the same be occupied as a homestead, entered as a homestead by causing the word "homestead" to be writter in the margin of his record title to the same and attested by the clerk and recorder of the county in which the premises are situate, together with the date and time of day; that property entered as a homestead cannot be sold or mortgaged without the wife's consent as long as the property is occupied as a homestead; we do not think the wife's consent is necessary, in your state, for the sale of the husband's real estate, other than homestead property.

M. K. Illimois.—Under the laws of your state we

necessary, in your state, for the sale of the busband's real estate, other than homestead property.

M. K., Illimois.—Under the laws of your state we are of the opinion that upon the death of a married man, leaving no will, and leaving no child or descendant, his widow would receive one half of his real estate and the whole of his personal estate, the balance of his real estate going to his other heirs at law or next of kin if none such, the widow would receive the entire estate; we think he can limit his wife's interest in his estate by will to dower of a one third interest for life in his real estate and a one third interest for life in his real estate and a one third interest in the personal property; we do not think the laws of your state provide for community interest, between husband and wife, in the property acquired after the marriage.

MRS. O. S., Louisiana.—The question you submit is a question of fact, and depends upon circumstances not disclosed in your communication to us; we think the owner of whichever of the two horses, who can prove the better title, would be entitled to the service fee.

MRS P. R., Wisconsin.—In the absence of an ex-

Miss P. R., Wisconsin.—In the absence of an express contract to the contrary, we think the price quoted, by the dentist you mention, for a set of artificial teeth would include only one set and would not include the double set for both the upper and lower

Jaws.

Mrs. O. C., Tennessee.—We think that if the firm from which you purchased the yarn refuses to deliver the goods or return your money, it will be necessary for you to bring action against them to enforce the return of your money to you.

M. H., Missouri.—We think that if it can be substantiated by the proper testimony that the woman you mention has alienated the affections of the man you mention, his wife is entitled to recover from her such damage as she has suffered by reason thereof, in the proper action brought for that purpose.

Mrs. A. B., West Virginia.—We do not think that

the proper action brought for that purpose.

Mrs. A. B., West Virginia.—We do not think that the bigamous marriage of the man you mention would relieve him from his liability to support his wife, if her own means are insufficient for that purpose; we do not think that the fact that he contracted this bigamous marriage a long period of years ago, or the fact that his bigamous wife is now dead, in any way affects the validity of his first marriage, provided, of course, he has never been divorced from his first wife; we think she is still his wife and entitled to all her rights as such, even though he abandoned her a long period of years ago and she has been unable to locate him for all these years.

T. C. Texas.—Under the laws of your state, we

T. C., Texas.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that where divorces are declared the court exercises very general jurisdiction over the property and children, but cannot compel divestiture of title to real estate.

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F. McF., Louisiana.—We think that your local authorities have a legal right to compel the owners of livestock to take such reasonable measures as may be necessary to prevent the spread of infection. (2) We think, if you can substantiate—your statements, you should at once make your complaint against the boys who stole your hen; we think a local justice of the peace or other local magistrate would be the proper person to see.

W. M. C., Illinois.—Under the laws of your state we are of the opinion that proceedings for divorce are conducted according to the chancery practice, and that the bill must be filed in the county where complainant resides; in the case you submit we think you should be able to procure information as to the divorce you mention by an examination of the court records of the county in which the complainant resided at the time of the commencement of the action.

The apparent injustice of stripping the land of American youths to furnish a fighting force for Europe, while leaving millions of aliens at home to enjoy the rewards of peaceful industry, has undoubtedly got on the people's nerves.—New York Sun.

#### Bank Gets Its \$1,000 Back

Having been paid \$1,000 and costs by Charles Tirzis, the Indian Head Bank of Nashua, N. H., has withdrawn a suit brought against him after the cashier had paid him \$3,800 instead of \$2,800 in a transaction on Sept. 33, 1916. Criminal action against Tirzis is still pending.

#### **Comfort Sisters' Corner**

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 11.)

I say to all,—Look to JESUS! He alone can save. I, too, shall send some poetry:

"Working will not save me;
Purest deeds that I can do,
Honest thoughts and feelings, too,
Cannot form my soul anew,
Working will not save me."

But faith in, the personal acceptance of, and the complete surrender to Jesus Christ, this will save. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved."

Because I love Him, "EVANGELINE."

DEAR COMFORT SISTERS:

I love to listen but as Doily Hull wants our opinions on a very vital question, I will endeavor to air my views, as fools step in where angels fear to tread. The Bible is the inspired word of God, else how could the writers, writing hundreds of years apart, foretell events which actually took place thousands of years afterwards. History records events after they happen but the prophets looked away down the ages. Can she, or anyone without God, tell what is going to happen twenty-five years from now? Yet the old prophets foretold this very time of trouble. Daniel 12, Matt. 24:21 and the book of Revelations.

While a great many things in the Bible have been twisted and misconstrued to suit the different creeds, the fundamental principles are plain to anyone who truly wants to understand. Christ said, "Know the Truth and the Truth shall make you free." Also, "The Kingdom of God is within you." And when we study his Word prayerfully we will understand His mission was not to teach men how to die but to teach them how to live.

Doily calls the Bible vulgar. To the pure all things are pure and it was sometimes necessary to call a spade a spade in order to show the people what great sins they were committing. The people of today are about where they were when the flood came and it would do them good to study that Book of books before the destroying angel again visits us.

I would write more but am afraid of the blue pencil, so will let some of the others say something.

#### Poems Requested

The following poems have been requested by readers of COMFORT and sent for publication.

#### Gradatim; Or, The Way to Heaven

Heaven is not reached at a single bound;
But we build the ladder by which we rise
From the lowly earth to the vaulted skies,
And we mount to its summit round by round.

I count this thing to be grandly true;
That a noble deed is a step toward God—
Lifting the soul from the common clod
To a purer air and a broader view.

We rise by things that are under our feet, By what we have mastered of good and gain, By the pride deposed and the passion slain, And the vanquished ill that we hourly meet.

We hope, we aspire, we resolve, we trust When the morning calls us to life and light, But our hearts grow weary and, ere the night, Our lives are trailing the sordid dust.

We hope, we resolve, we aspire, we pray And we think that we mount the air on wings Beyond the recall of sensual things, While our feet still cling to the heavy clay.

Wings for the angels, but feet for men!
We may borrow the wings to find the way—
We may bope and resolve and aspire and pray,
But our feet must rise or we fall again.

Only in dreams is a ladder thrown From the weary earth to the sapphire walls, But the dreams depart and the vision falls And the sleeper wakes on his pillow of stone.

Heaven is not reached at a single bound;
But we build the ladder by which we rise
From the lowly earth to the vaulted skies,
And we mount to its summit round by round.

—J. G. Holland.

#### Never Give Up

Never give up!—it is wiser and better
Always to hope, than once to despair;
Fling off the load of doubt's cankering fetters
And break the dark spell of tyrannical care.
Never give up, or the burden may sink you—
Frovidence kindly has mingled the cup;
And all trials and troubles bethink you,
The watchword of life must be, "Never give up!"

Never give up; there are chances and changes, Helping the hopeful a hundred to one. And through the chaos His wisdom arranges Ever success, if you'll only hold on. Never give up; for the wisest is boldest, Knowing that Providence mingles the cup, And of all maxims, the best as the oldest, Is the stern watchword of "Never give up!"

Never give up, though the grapeshot may rattle,
Or the full thunder-cloud over you burst,
Stand like a rock, and the storm or the battle
Little shall harm you, though doing their worst.
Never give up; if adversity presses,
Providence wisely has mingled the cup;
And the best counsel in all your distress
Is the brave watchword of "Never give up!"
Sent in by F. L. D., Malden, Mass.

#### In the Afterglow

Sent in by Mrs. N. D. Sowles, Sutter, Cal.

Mother o' mine, in the aftergiow
Of mothering years, I love you so;
For loving me e'er life I knew,
When next your heart a new life grew;
Loving me on into fair childhood,
When I so little understood
The long, hard way we all must go,
Mother o' mine, I love you so.

Loving me, too, when life so sweet
Tempted my wayward, girlish feet
Away from paths of truth and right
To paths that lead to sin's dark night;
Winning me back with loving tone
To ways that you had made your own
By struggle and stress and pain and prayer,
By love's own cords you held me there.

Mother o' mine, 'tis mine to take
The burdensome load, the stress, the ache
That come in motherhood's fair years,
The joy, the pain, the love, the tears;
'Tis mine to give what you gave me,
Mother o' mine, I would faithful be,
To the highest note in the song you taught
My girlish lips, the music fraught
With all the mother hopes and fears,
That fill to the brim the mothering years.

Mother o' mine, in the afterglow
For gifts to me from out your heart,
Of motherhood's years, I thank you so
At thoughts that rise my hot tears start;
God give me ways to make you know
How great is my love before you go
Away to rest from your mothering;
I would remove life's every sting,
And give you rest in the afterglow,
For, mother o' mine, I love you so.

—Flora Shufels Biffolgs

BY ELLA WHEELER WILCOX.

I know as my life grows older
And mine eyes have clearer sight—
That under each rank wrong, somewhere,
There lies the root of right.
That each sorrow has a purpose,
By the sorrowing oft unguessed,
But as sure as the sun brings morning
Whatever is—is best.

I know that each sinful action,
As sure as the night brings shade,
Is somewhere, sometime, punished,
Though the hour be long delayed.
I know that the soul is aided,
Sometimes by the heart's unrest,
And to grow means often to suffer,
But whatever is—is best.

I know that there are no errors.
In the great eternal plan,
And all things work together,
For the final good of man.
I know as my soul speeds onward,
In its grand eternal quest,
I shall say as I look back earthward,
Whatever is—is best.

#### Best Ways of Doing Things Around The Home

Sent in by Miss Agnes Travis, Platte, S. Dak,

Mix equal parts of resin, beeswax and tallow or lard, and grease the soles of shoes with it each week and they will wear twice as long.

Use a knitting needle instead of fork or broom straw in testing cake or potatoes. Miss Ella Smfrh, Decatur, Tenn.

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I find an easy way to darn large holes in stockings is to baste a piece of netting, same color as stocking, on wrong side, then turn and darn on the right side, going back and forth through the netting.

If your window shades are worn and faded, take them off the roller and tack the old end on and hem the other. Roll up and you will have almost as good as new shades, and they won't cost anything.

SISTER JAYE, Brownsdale, Minn.

To SHENNE GOODS.—Do not unfold but lay in pan

To Shrink Goods.—Do not unfold but lay in pan on tub smoothly. Pour on enough hot water to wet it thoroughly. Then dip in cold water and pin on line smoothly, without wringing. If this is done carefully one is saved the work of ironing it.

#### Requests

To hear from sisters living in Wyoming and Idaho, telling about the country, climate, opportunities, etc. Mrs. Mary Scott, Paterson, 269 Summer St., N. J., would like Sunburst and Irish Chain quilt patterns. Will return postage.

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I would like patterns for crepe and tissue paper flowers and also instructions for waxing them. Will return favor.

MES. MINNIE FISKE, Kenney, Ills.

Would like to have some one send me the October, November and December numbers of "Good Stories" for 1917. Will return other reading matter.

MARY KENNES, Mooresburg, Tenn.

I would like to find some of the Irish dialect stories printed about eleven years ago in the "Brown Book of Boston," "Mrs. Casey's Neighbors," and "Mrs. Casey at the Euchre Party."

MES. WM. TILLEY, El Centro, 227 Maple Ave., Calif. We are thinking strongly of going to Arkaneas to

We are thinking strongly of going to Arkansas to live and would like to hear from the sisters as to the climate, etc. Have been told that it isn't a healthful place. Will those who know please write me.

MRS. C. C. SMITH, Guntersville, R. R. 1, Ala.

Different ways to use rye flour. How to candy orange, citron and lemon peel. How to paraffin flowers so petals will not fall. How to keep aluminum ware bright.

MRS. E. H. STEED, Berthond, Colo.

#### Remedies

For granulated cyclids or tired eyes dissolve one teaspoon of boric acid in four ounces of boiling water and bathe eyes daily, using eye cup.

Dipping the hands in vinegar after washing clothes and dishes will counteract any ill effects from the coap.

Miss Ella Smith, Decatur, Tenn.

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Worms.—Give three drops of turpentine on sugar
before meals for nine days. This is the remedy mother
always gave us children. A Hoosier, Saltillo, Ind.
Worms.—Take equal parts of dried sage and senna
leaves and sugar, mix well and give one teaspoonful
at night, or it may be made into a tea and drank. Or
give sage in the morning and senna at night. This is
the amount I gave to a five-year old child.
Clarissa Warden, Wis. Vet. Home, Wis.

#### Comfort Post Card Requests

The fallowing would like to correspond with other subscrib-irs for the exchange of souvenir post cards.

Nina Tiliman, Box 747, Winslow, Ariz. Edn. Groves, Deepwell, W. Va.

#### Missing Relatives and Friends

We shall only require you to get a small club of subscribers to COMFORT for each request printed: so in sending year notice for insertion in the Missing Relatives' column, include a club of three one-year 25-cent subscriptions, or if you are stready a paid-in-advance subscriber, send only two one-year 25-cent subscriptions. This amount limits the netice to twenty-two words, making three lines: If langer notice is required, send two additional 25-cent one-year subscriptions yearly for every seven words.

Information of Alice Twiner, last heard of in Star City, Ark., thirty-one years ago. Mrs. Maude Rust, Pine Bluff, 816 Neb St., Ark.

Any one knowing the whereabouts of Adda Lenora King, or Grace Herrington, daughter of Hiram S. King, Cleveland, Ohio, please notify Mrs. A. W. Payne, 1053 Sheldon Ave., Grand Rapids, Mich.

Information of my father, Bright Burrell, about 46 years old, last seen in Grand Saline, Texas, in 1900. Write to Mrs. Lillie Hendricks, R. R. 1, Crittenden, Ky.

#### Be Careful in Using Soap on Your Hair

Most soaps and prepared shampoos contain too much alkali, which is very injurious, as it dries the scalp and makes the hair brittle.

The best thing to use is just plain mulsified cocoanut oil, for it is pure and entirely greaseless. It's very cheap, and beats the most expensive soaps or anything else all to pieces. You can get this at any drug store, and a few ounces will last the whole family for months.

Simply moisten the hair with water and rub it in, about a teaspoonful is all that is required. It makes an abundance of rich, creamy lather, cleanses thoroughly, and rinses out easily. The hair dries quickly and evenly, and is soft, fresh looking, bright, fluffy, wavy, and easy to handle. Besides, it loosens and takes out every particle of dust, dirt and dandruff.—Advertisement.



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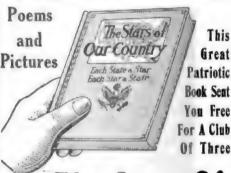
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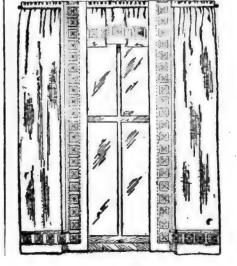
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Extracts from some of the letters received are given below.

Dr. Ferdinand King, a New York Physician and Medical Author, says: "There can be no

vigorous iron men without iron. Palfor means anaemia.

"Anaemia means iron deficiency. The skin of anaemic men and women is pale; the flesh flabby. The muscles lack tone. the brain fags and and they become weak, nervous, irritable, despon-



the memory fails Dr. Ferdinand King, New York Physician and Medical Author.

dent and melancholy. When the iron goes from the blood of women the roses go from their cheeks.

"In the most common foods of America, the starches, sugars, table syrups, candies, polished rice, white bread, soda crackers, biscuits, macaroni, spaghetti, tapioca, sago, farina, degerminated corn-meal, no longer is iron to be found. Refining processes have removed the iron of Mother Earth from these impoverished foods, and silly methods of home cookery, by throwing down the wastepipe the water in which our vegetables are cooked, is responsible for another grave iron

"Therefore you should supply the iron deficiency in your food by using some form of organic iron, just as you would use salt when your food has not enough salt."

Dr. A. J. Newman, late Police Surgeon of



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the City of Chicago and former House Surgeon, Jefferson Park Hospital, Chicago, in commenting on Nuxated Iron, says; "It has been my particular duty during the past six years to assist in keeping Chicago's five thousand blue-coats in good health and perfect fighting trim so that they would be physically equipped to withstand all man-

ner of storms and the ravages of nature's

"Recently I was prompted through an endorsement of Nuxated Iron by Dr. Schuyler C. Jaques, Visiting Surgeon of St. Elizabeth's Hospital, New York, to give it a trial. This

remedy has proven through my own tests of it to excel any preparations I have ever used for creating red blood, building up the nerves, strengthening the muscles and correcting digestive disorders.'

Formerly Physician of Bellevue Hospital (Outdoor Dept.) New York, and the Westchester County Hos-Dr. James Francis Sullivan, formerly physician of Bellevue pital.

Hospital (Outdoor Dept.), N. Y., and the Westchester County Hospital, said: "I have strongly emphasized the great necessity of physicians making blood examinations of their weak, anaemic, run-down patients. Thousands of persons go on year after year suffering from physical weakness and a highly nervous condition due to lack of sufficient iron in their red blood corpuscles, without even realizing the real and true cause of their trouble. Without iron in your blood your food merely passes through the body, somewhat like corn through an old mill with rollers so wide apart that the mill can't grind.

Dr. James Francis Sullivan,

"But in my opinion you can't make strong, vigorous, successful, sturdy iron men by feeding them on metallic iron. The old forms of metallic iron must go through a semi-digestive process to transform them into organic iron-Nuxated Iron-before they are so ready to be taken up and assimilated by the human

"Notwithstanding all that has been said and written on this subject by well-known

physicians, thousands of people still insist in dosing themselves with metallic iron simply, I suppose, because it costs a few cents less. strongly advise readers in all cases. to get a physician's prescription for organic iron - Nuxated Iron-or if you don't want to go to this trouble then purchase only Nuxated Iron in its



Dr. Schuyler C. Jaques Visiting Surgeon, St. Elizabeth's Hospital, New York.

original packages and see that this particular name (Nuxated Iron) appears on the package. If you have taken preparations such as Nux and Iron and other similar Iron products and failed to get results, remember that such products are an entirely different thing from Nuxated Iron.'

Dr. Schuyler C. Jaques, Visiting Surgeon of St. Elizabeth's Hospital, of New York City,

said: "I have never before given out any medical information or advice for publication, as I ordinarily do not believe in it. But in the case of Nuxated Iron I feel I would be remiss in my duty not to mention it. I have taken it myself and given it to my patients with most surprising and satisfactory results. And those who wish quickly to increase their strength, power and endurance will find it a most remarkable and wonderfully effective remedy."

Dr. T. Alphonsus Wallace, a physician of many years' experience in this country and who has been given many honorary titles in England, says: "I do not make a practice of recommending advertised medicinal products, but I have found Nuxated Iron so potent in nervous, run-down conditions, that I believe all should know of it. The men and women of today need more iron in their blood than was the case twenty or thirty years ago. This because of the demineralized diet which now is served daily in thousands of homes and also because of the demand for greater resistance necessary to offset the greater number of health hazards, to be met at every turn.

If people would only take Nuxated Iron when they feel weak or run-down, instead of

dosing themselves with habit-forming drugs, stimulants and alcoholic beverages, there are probably thousands who might readily build up their red blood corpuscles, increase their physical energy selves into a conthe millions of



and get them - Dr. T. Alphonsus Wallace a Physician of Many Years dition to ward off Experience in this Country.

disease germs that are almost continually around us. It is surprising how many people suffer from iron deficiency and do not know it.

If you are not strong or well you owe it to yourself to make the following test: See how long you can work or how far you can walk without becoming tired. Next take two fivegrain tablets of ordinary Nuxated Iron three times per day after meals for two weeks. have gained. Numbers of nervous, run-down people who were ailing all the while have most astonishingly increased their strength and endurance simply by taking iron in the proper form. And this, after they had in some cases been going on for months without getting benefit from anything. Many an athlete and prize-fighter has won the day simply because he knew the secret of great strength and endur-ance which comes from having plenty of fron in the blood; while many another has gone down in inglorious defeat simply for lack of iron.

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P. A. B., Grass Range, Mont.—Yes, an invention

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P. A. B., Grass Range, Mont.—Yes, an invention may be sold before it is patented. You may either exchange your secret for a certain sum of money, relinquishing all right to future profits; or you could have some good lawyer draw up a contract where a second party would have your Invention patented and pay you a certain portion of the proceeds that might afterwards be gained.

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#### The Girl He Loved

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 12.)

possible the chef could have left the room and come back without my knowledge."

Carrousel came next,—a tall man with a short, dark beard, and very blue eyes. He was neatly dressed in a black coat and gray trousers, and looked most unlike a cook.

On being sworn and interrogated, he shook his head.

"I can tell you nothing, monsieur," he said.
"I was not well; my teeth were aching; I walked the floor in the housekeeper's room. I heard "Yes," nothing

the floor in the housekeeper's room, I heard nothing."

"What time did you go there?"

"At ten o'clock. At twenty minutes past eleven they came and told me his lordship was dying."

His florid face paled a little.

One juror asked if he had not heard Sir Thomas' dog barking in the kitchen.

"No, monsieur," respectfully. "The housekeeper's room is some distance from the kitchen. I heard no noise. I was glad to sit by the fire. perhaps to doze. It was as well, perhaps. I have had no sleep since. Milord was an excellent patron to me. He understood eating."

There was a listness detachedness in his voice, as of a stranger who is utterly apart from his surroundings.

"What did you serve his lordship for dinner?" the coroner said suddenly.

"It was not that which killed him." Carrousel returned gravely, "since the whole society partook of the same plates. My.cooking does not give even an indigestion, much less death, Monsieur does not mean that he suspects me?" patiently.

"You are here to answer not ask". Doctor

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session absolutely nothing with a smell of bitter aimonds, which could have been stolen and added to the bottle to hide some other taste.

The jury stirred impatiently—there had been no question of poison in the dinner—till it suddenly occurred to them that from the coroner's minute questions Carrousel had been obliged to account for every instant of his time from six o'clock till twenty minutes past eleven. If there had been any juggling with bottles in Levallion's dressing-room, the busy cook could have had no hand in it; for the kitchen maids' evidence tallied with his.

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"You can stand down," said the coroner, and for one second the cook's listlessness vanished. There was relief in his face, as of a man who has patiently despatched a disagreeable duty.

The butler succeeded him, and, having charge of the cellar, was all but turned inside out with questions, the result of which was that there had been absolutely no other bottle of Eau de Vie Magique in the house, which could have been poisoned and substituted for Lord Levallion's own, nor had he ever seen, or heard of, such a liqueur in his life. There was no doubting his honesty, nor his distress about his master's death. Levallion's own man was called—the only old servant in the house. He did not look particularly honest—Levallion had more opinion of brains than honesty, perhaps—but Houghton thought, perhaps erroneously, that he was the only clever witness they had had so far; and the first who would not be content with clearing himself, but determined to find out the murderer.

"My name, sir? John Lacy," he said, with his hard, light eyes taking in every face in the jury, with as much scorn for their capacity as Levallion could have had. "I have been with his lordship ten years."

"Did you ever see the bottle of liqueur with which Lord Levallion was poisoned?"

"I'd on't know," quietly. "I saw the bottle of Eau de Vie Magique which he kept in his dressing-room. It was given to him this summer by a gentieman in Aix."

"Dog you mean it was taken away and another substituted?"

"I couldn't say that, sir. But I know the liqueur was all right last night at seven o'clock, for Sir Thomas Annesiey came up to my master's room with him, and his lordship made him drink a glass of it before my eyes. Sir Thomas seemed very down, and as if he wanted to speak about something. But his lordship put him off."

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"Then if it was Lord Levallion's own liqueur he drank, you contend it was poisoned during the evening?"

"I'm certain of it, sir."

"Did Lord Levallion to your knowledge possess any poison?"

"No!" said Lacy, flatly. "If you mean he committed suicide, it's out of the question. His lordship was more contented than he had ever been in his life—or since I knew him. Somebody gave it to him!"

"Was he on bad terms with any one?"

"Plenty of people!" caimly; "but none of them would be likely to do it. I might about as well accuse her ladyship of doing it as sensibly as any of the"—he stammered—"the others!"

"Do you mean Lord and Lady Levallion were not on good terms?" sharply.

"I didn't mean to imply that, sir," flushing. "I said, and I think, Lord Levallion was more than happy. I never heard of any trouble between the two, except that last night I did hear them having a few words about going out or something, as I was passing through the hall. But it was nothing at all, sir!" hastily. "I begyou don't think I'm insinuating anything against my lady."

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"Were you not in Lord Levallion's dressing-room during the evening?"

"No, sir! I left it all neat, and was gone down-stairs almost as soom as his lordship left the room. I never went to his dressing-room of an evening till I was rung for."

"You did not touch the bottle?"

"Yes, sir! I put it up on the shelf, and I scatched my hand on it for about the tenth time. It was a rough-made, molded bottle, with a sort of, seam down each side, and time and again I've caught a scratch inside my hand from that rough seam."

"Were you alone in the room?"

"No, sir; his lordship's second man was with me. It was not either of us that tampered with the bottle."

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"I couldn't say." Lacy fingered each scrap slowly; none were bigger than a shilling. He looked up suddenly. "In my opinion it isn't!" he said. "But you will understand that in the state the bottle is it can be only my opinion. I wouldn't like to swear to it, but I think it. All I can say is that it is bits of glass and label which might be the one that was in the dressing-room. I wouldn't swear it is the same."

"Will you swear it is not?" sharply.

Lacy took the fragments and dust of paperlabeled glass to the light; went over each bit with the seeing fingers of a blind man, as well as faultless eyesight.

"It's not the same bottle," he said, after what seemed an hour. "There's a pink smear on the label. His lordship's bottle, when I left it, was clean."

"That does not prove it a different bottle,"

"That does not prove it a different bottle," judicially. "Only perhaps that some one touched

it."

"To the best of my belief," returned Lacy, doggedly, "that is not his lordship's bottle, I can't find the seam on any of the pieces."

"Or in the dust," said a juror scathingly.

But Lacy stuck to his opinion and was let go.

For some reason, and to Houghton's wonder, the coroner never mentioned that rag of tweed.

A frightened footman took his place, who had taken coffee to the ladies after dinner.

"Were all the ladies in the room then?" asked

"With her," the coroner half-corrected.

"Just as you say, sir, abjectly. "I'd got out in the hall with my tray when Lady Gwendolen came out and ran up-stairs after her ladyship.

"Oh!" said the coroner, quietly; "you can go." He called Lady Gwendolen for the next witness, and Houghton's mouth tightened.

He remembered how the women had stood when he arrived,—how slood, how ironical. If he were not mistaken, the drams would hear with the proper with the coroner with the coroner

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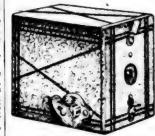
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"Were all the ladies in the room then?" asked Aston.

"Yes, that is—no, sir! I took in coffee and a note for her ladyship," stammering, "and she gets up and leaves the room and Lady Gwendolen Brook after her."

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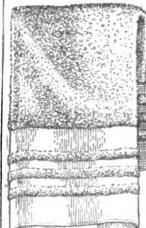
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The remedies and advice hers given are intended only for simple cases; serious cases should be taken to your local doctor.

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Mrs. J. C., Johannesburg, Mich.—The only reliable way to diagnose diabetes mellitus—"sugar diabetes"— is by the chemical test of the suspected urine, or the yeast test. Have your local physician make the test. In general the disease is not curable, but can be held in check by diet and treatment and one can live years if of mature age when the disease is first noted.

D. M., Ilog. Occ. Negros, P. I.—Trouble is probably some liver trouble. May be gall stones. Try having her use freely olive oil with her meals. This failing, have an exploratory operation, if the symptoms are severe enough to require it.

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R. D. L., McAllsterville, Pa.—You evidently had a heat stroke, and must avoid hereafter exposing yourself to the sun's rays in the summer. When it is necessary to go out in the sun, use a hat that will protect your head from the rays. You should eat little meat, keep your bowels free, avoid pastry, bathe frequently, using the spinal douche, described in Commons of offen, and, in short, lead the "simple life" until you gain your usual health.

Mrs. C. A. B., Nersana, Alaska.—Your dreams are more or less a habit. Try eating a very small supper. Have your main meal at noon. Drink plenty of water and exercise freely in the open air. Just before you retire, try the cold spinal douche, with massage.

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Mrs. J. T. S., Magnolia, Minn.—You need glasses, no doubt. After you have gotten the right glasses, if your double vision still continues, have the extrinsic nuscles of your eyes tested and see if they work together all right. You also have catarrh of the nose. Try Dobell's solution as a spray three times a day. Mrs. S. A. G., Lineville, Ala.—There is no cure for paralysis. Have your blood-pressure taken, and follow out the instructions of your family physician, as to diet, keeping the bowels open, taking massage and eating proper amount and quality of food.

Mrs. M. O. C., Bardwell, Ky.—Use only liquid vaseline, known as aloline, in the ear. If your ear discharges, you should consult a specialist and have the ears treated. If the ears do not stop discharging and you continue to have pain, have the mastoid operation done and get at the seat of the trouble.

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Mrs. M. P., East Akron, Ohio.—The best way to remove your moles is by the use of the electric cautery. It takes only a moment, is practically painless and very effective. Consult some good local physician. COMFORT does not furnish addresses or place manuscript.

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worth using. Gentle massage might help you.

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H. P. S., Casterland, N. Y.—There is no cure for asthma. Besides operation, would advise change to the seashore. Sometimes a decided change of climate will effectually remove the exciting cause of asthmatic trouble and effect a cure.

H. P. S., Casterland, New York.—There is no cure known as "itch." It can be cured by using some form of sulphur ointment. The following ointment can be applied at night: Precipitated sulphur sixty grains to the ounce of vaseline. Apply all over body from neck to feet for four nights only, to be followed by a hot bath and entire change of clothes.

#### KILLED by GOSSIP

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Text.—I am disgraced, impeached and baffled here, pierced to the soul with slander's envenom-ed spear.—Shakespeare.

been. One day she was taken with pneumonia and died. The doctor said she did not make the slightest effort to live. At her funeral the house was full, we all had a strange, conscience-stricken feeling. Helen Lester I did not see there. When the service was over a tall, elderly man who was a stranger in town began to speak:

science-stricken feeling. Helen Lester I did not see there. When the service was over a tall, elderly man who was a stranger in town began to speak:

"This woman,' he pointed at the dead face, 'was killed as Shakespeare says by slanderous tongues. You question how she made her money. Let me tell you. She left this town forty-seven years ago penniless, untrained, young and lovely to wander the streets of New York for days searching for work. When she was reduced to fifty cents she took the only position which had been offered her, work she shrank from in horror as any young girl might have done. She became assistant to an undertaker. She stayed on in the business, not because she liked it or because she was making a good income, but as she told me once because it was a calling which cried aloud for tender, decent women. She knew however that it meant the severing of every home tie. In those days you Southern women disdained work, what would you have thought of her toil? Her career later took her to the far West where she carried comfort into many a bereaved home. The ministry of her gentle hands is not yet forgotten by many a stricken mother.

"At last she wanted a rest. She had earned money enough to spend the rest of her life in comfort and as she told me her heart cried aloud for home. She shrank from the curious eyes and curious questions she would meet. Still she faced you. How would you have treated her if you had known the truth? Would you have been kindlier than you were? Only the lie, the black, monstrous, foul lie begotten and spread by one woman as I have discovered, a woman who has hated Margaret Pond all her life, that killed her. The doctor tells me she had heard it, she knew you believed it and it sent her to her grave. Nothing, so it seems to me, which can be dealt out at the Judgment seat, is too terrible for the woman with the serpent's tooth."

"Next morning Helen Lester left town. If she had not—" the woman beside me shuddered, "nobody knows what might have happened. White folks have been lyn

## Daughter of a Philosopher

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Louisa helped her sister May in her art studies, but she did not give up her writing. She usually spent her summers in Concord, but she could work better in Boston, so in winter that city became her home. In 1877 her mother died. In her journal Louisa said:

"I never wish her back, but a great warmth seems gone out of my life, and there is no motive to go on now. I think I shall soon follow her, and am quite ready to go, now she no longer needs me."

But one who had done so much for the sake of others was to do more still. Sister May died in Paris, and her infant daughter was sent to Louisa who rather moodily wrote:

"May wished me to have her baby and her pictures. A precious legacy! Rich payment for the little I could do for her, I see now why I lived—to care for May's child and not leave Anna all alone.

"Courage and patience these I ask

"Courage and patience, these I ask, Dear Lord, in this my latest strait; For hard I find my ten years' task, Learning to suffer and to wait."

The main interest for the next few years was the care of May's child and the attention given her father who was now growing old. She became an excellent mother to little Lulu, and the bright baby seems to have added a warm cheer to the heart of Miss Alcott.

Her philosophical father died in 1882, also the year of Mr. Emerson's passing. Louisa was so ill herself that she did not know her loss, and her death occurred soon. Louisa's life was one of ceaseless labor, unwearied kindness and self-sacrifice.

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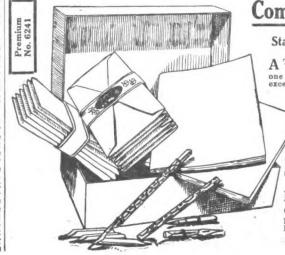
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The majority of the 15,000,000 foreignborn people in the United States have had some experience there—for Ellis Island station has not borne a reputation always for kindness. There has been much suffering there. Many have been detained, some have been sent back.

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But today the first thing that greets
your eye is a great playground out on
the lawn with hundreds of men, women
and children resting there. There are
tents to keep off the sun and rain. There are swings and sand piles for the chil-

dren

The European war has converted Ellis Island into agreat detention camp with six or eight hundred men, women and children who, for some reason or other could not enter the country and were held there waiting for the war to end. They had nothing to do. They sat day after day on the hard benches, provided for them and thought of their homes and their friends. The first day they went to the lawn they rolled upon it. They played with it. The tears rolled down their cheeks. The appetites of the children got better. Life became brighter. The whole island changed.

In the room where the immigrants are examined before they are admitted to this country, the same change is found. It used to be like a prison. There were high gratings on either side, so high that a man could not see over them. They have all been taken down. Round about the wails are rows of potted plants and flowers. The place looks like a garden. From the galleries above the American flags float, while round about the walls there are fine pictures of the presidents of the United States.

At noon there is music. On Sundays a concert is given by the Hungarians, the The European war has converted Ellis

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## "Jest for Fun"

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"Dear United States Army: My husband ast me to write you a rekommend that he supports his fambly. He cannot read so don't tell him. Just take him. He ain't no good to me. He ain't done nothing but drink lemmonade essence and play a fidle since I married him eight years ago, and I gotta feed seven kids of his. Don't tell him, but just take him."

#### Practically Minded

An old hen was pecking at some stray

An old nen was pecging at some stray carpet tacks in the yard.

"Now; what do you suppose that hen is eating those tacks for?" said Henry.

"Perhaps," rejoined his little sister, "she is going to lay a carpet."—Stray Stories. Stories

## A Useful Monkey

An Italian organ grinder possessed a monkey which he "worked" through the summer months. When the cool days came his business fell off, and he dis-



continued his walks and melodies. An Irishman of his acquaintance offered him half a crown for the privilege of keeping and feeding the little beast. The bargain was made for a month. Great curiosity filled the mind of the Italian, and at last he went ostensibly to see his pet, but really to find out what possible use Pat could make of the monkey.

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The Irishman was frank. "It's loike this," he said. "Oi put up a pole in me back yard, with the monkey on the top. Tin or twelve trains of cars loaded with coal go by every evenin'. There's men on every car. Every man takes a heave at the monk. Divil a wan has hit him, but Oi have sivin tons of coal."—Chicago Neus.

#### Wanted to Know

Bunted to Know

"Children," said the Sunday-school superintendent, "this picture illustrates today's lesson: Lot was warned to take walls there are fine pictures of the presidents of the United States.

At noon there is music. On Sundays a concert is given by the Hungarians, the Germans, the Scotch, the Poles, the Bohemians or the Italians. For every Sunday some one of the big foreign

"Pleathe, thir," lisped the latest graduate from the infant class, "where ith the flea?"

### What They're Made Of

Passing through a military hospital, a distinguished visitor noticed a private In one of the Irish regiments who had been terribly injured.

To the orderly the visitor said: "That's a bad case. What are you going to do with him?"

"He's going back, sir!" replied the orderly.

"He's going back, sir!" replied the orderly.
"Going back!" said the visitor in surprised tones.
"Yes" said the orderly. He thinks he knows who did it."

Why should a spider appear to have wings? Because he often takes a fly.

#### Different Spelling

There is a certain dear old lady who owns a little farm and takes a few boarders in summer.

An anxious young mother, who had been industriously delving into medical literature inquired of the old lady whether or not the milk served at her table was pasteurized.

"Of course!" was the old lady's indignant reals.

"Of course!" was the old lady's in-dignant reply. "Don't we keep the cows we've got in the pasture all summer long?"

#### One on Uncle

Tommy—"Talking of riddles, uncle, do you know the difference between an apple and an elephant?"
Uncle—"No, my boy, I don't."
Tommy—"You'd be a smart chap to send out to buy apples, wouldn't you?"

Maude—"Oh, Ethel, and what did you say to him when he proposed to you? Did you say what you said you were going to the other day? That was a noble speech, just suited to crush the boldest man. And did he slink away like a whipped dog?"

man. And did he slink away like a whipped dog?"

Ethel—vWell, not exactly. You see, I didn't say just that. I—I—well—er—well, you see, I said 'Yes.'"

#### No Change

They had parted long years ago, says
Tit-Bits. Now, in the deepening
shadows of the
twilight they had

madows of the twilightthey had met again.

"Here is the old stile, Mary," he said.
"Aye, an' here be our initials that you carved, Sandy," she replied.
"Ah, Mary!" exclaimed Sandy, "ye're just as beautiful as ye ever were, and I ha'e never forgotten ye, my bonnie lass."
"And ye, Sandy," she cried, while her blue eyes moistened, "are jist as big a leear as ever, an' I believe ye jist the same."

Paying Up

Jeweler—"What can I do for you?"
Lad in Khaki (outfitted with muffler, sweater, wristlets)—"Can you make me a special price on a half-dozen engagement rings?"—Milestones.

A young factory hand and his girl went to get married. They got as far as the church, when he found out he had not enough money to pay the wedding fee. The clergyman would not marry them, saying, "No money, no wedding."



So the girl asked would he wait till she went home for the money.
The ciergyman said "yes."
In a little while the girl returned with the money and the knot was duly tied.
The girl now said to the ciergyman:
"Can anyone oppose our union?"
To which he replied:
"Nobody, my daughter. Heaven bless you."

"Nobouy, my you."
The girl said:
"Then there's the pawn ticket for your hat and coat, which I took from the vestry and pawned!"
Collapse of his reverence.—Chicago Journal.

### Cause and Effect

"Farm products cost more than they

"Yes," replied the farmer; "when a farmer is supposed to know the botanical name of what he's raisin' an' the entomological name of the insect that eats it an' the pharmaceutical name of the chemical that will kill it, somebody's got to pay."—Boston Post.

If the railroads are only to haul necessities hereafter, how are those congressmen to get home to the spring primaries?

—Portland Express.

#### The Restaurant Habit

Wife—"But why have you put your friend's things in the dining-room?"
Hub—"Oh, he's used to restaurants; he won't enjoy his dinner unless he can watch his hat and coat."—Boston Tran-

#### Got the Other Place

A practical joker called up the tele-phone-operator and said: "Hello, Cen-tral, Give me Heaven," but that isn't what she gave him.—Youngstown Tele-

Mrs. C—"I wonder where in the world the alarm clock has gone! I saw it on the mantel yesterday."

Mr. C—"It was there yesterday, but I heard it going off this morning."

Mrs. C—"Well, I hope it hasn't gone where you told it to go."—Yonkers Statesman.

"How to catch fish is a study. How to lie about it comes natural."—New Orleans Picayune.

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societies of New York or New Jersey gives a concert with its own talent. On one occasion the Hungarians hired a steamer and brought it to the island loaded with toys, fruit, food and other things for the immigrants detained there.

During week nights those who are de-tained there on account of sickness or some other reason are entertained with motion pictures. Men are found good positions in factories and mills. Women wait for their friends and relatives. Often they come back to the island from time to time to attend the concerts or to

positions in factories and mills. Women wait for their friends and relatives. Often they come back to the island from time to time to attend the concerts or to tell the officials how they are getting on. The long months of waiting male many friendships and some marriages, too. There is no war at Ellis Island. People do not hate one another no matter what country they come from. They are like one big family.

Ellis Island is no longer like a prison. It is more like a home. It is a place to help people; to get them started right; to give them the right impression of the United States. Ellis Island is now a doorway to freedom and liberty, and assuch it has been made as kindly and beautiful as possible.

The government has opened up employment agencies of its own all over the United States. They are to be found in nearly all large cities. They find positions for men, women and children over sixteen years of age. They make no charge for the service they render. Already tens of thousands have found positions in this way. They are shielded from robbery, for the United States government stands back of the agencies. The government is only interested in seeing that the man gets the job that he is fitted for and the employer the kind of man he wants. Not only is the immigrant protected as he enters the country; not only is he greeted with kindness—but when he reaches his chosen home he finds a job waiting for him.

The great majority become good citizens. We all came from immigrant stock at some time. Those who came two centuries ago were probably just as poor as those who come today. They cannot speak our language. They have sold all that they possess to get to our country. This is their one big hope.

#### Sibyl's Influence

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Were mangled beyond recognition, and—"
"And what?"

It never came to her that she might be inflicting untold agony upon a bereaved mother's heart in requiring her to go over these fearful details.

Every sense was locked and concentrated upon that one frenzied thought.

"And they told me that many grown people also having been killed, there were none to claim the little bodies, and they had been obliged to hury them in nameless graves. From my description of my darling, they believed she must have been among the number."

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Day and night it haunted her like an accusing angel while she lived, and it was almost more than her hardened heart could even now bear to meet with composure.

"I went to those little graves," she continued, and wept over them all, not knowing which to call mine, and then I came away to live out my and life alone."

An utter silence fell upon them after she had concluded, which lasted several minutes.

It was broken at last by a long, shuddering sigh from Sibyl.

"It was very sad. I do not see how you could have borne it; but—I do not feel very well. I think I must go home now."

She said it in a dazed sort of way, trying at the same time to rise from her chair.

"I should not have told you," said Mrs. Stillman, looking up, half, frightened, into her colorless face. "I ought to have known that it would have shocked you; but you will come again? You do not know, miss, how I am getting to watch for your coming," she concluded, eagerly.

The words struck a death-like chill to the fair girl's heart.

Come again? If all she believed were true, she

girl's heart.

Come again? If all she believed were true, she vould have to come and—stay.

"Yes, I will come again," she answered, wearily, and, mechanically putting on her hat and cloak, she blindly groped her way into the street, entered the carriage, and was driven home.

She was so glad that Raymond and his mother vere out, and there was no one to see her white face nor question her as to its cause when she entered.

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She crept upstairs to her own room, locked the door, and, throwing herself upon a couch, tried to think.

She had always pictured her mother as some noble, beautiful lady; delicate, refined, and highly cultured—as some one toward whom she would instantly be drawn, and whom she should instantly recognize through intuition.

Could she call this woman, who seemed so common, and who rather repelled than attracted her, by the sacred name which she had always so longed to utter?

Her whole soul rebelled against it, and yet the more she thought the more she became convinced that her surmises were correct.

Two long hours she battled with herself, and prayed for a right spirit. But no answer, no reace came—all the brightness seemed suddenly to have gone out of her life, and a gloom, like a pall, settled down upon her.

A rap came at length upon her door.

Striving for calmness, she arose and opened it. Raymond stood without, a smile on his lips, a tender love-light in his fine eyes.

But after one glance, both smile and light suddenly faded, and with an exclamation of dismay, he reached out his arms and inclosed her.

"My darling, what troubles you—why are you not pale and hollow-eyed?" he asked, in great anxiety.

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"Where have you been?—and what have you been doing that you should look like this?" he demanded, searching the hopeless, despairing face in perplexity.

But she could not tell him—she could tell no one until she knew more; she must be very sure herself, and bring her mind to bear the great thange more calmly, before she could even confide in him. So she only said:

"I went out several hours ago to see Mrs. Stillman, and began to feel ill before leaving her tooms; but it will pass, I shall feel better soon."

"I shall go down and send father up to prescribe for you immediately; I am alarmed," Raymond said, regarding her earnesstly.

"No, Ray, please don't; I am not really ill. A few hours of set will make me all right again," she pleaded.

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She could not have Sir Athelstone question her; she did not want to see him, nor any one now, and the sight of Raymond himself almost unserved her again, although it was very comforting to feel his protecting care.

But if this phantom, which seemed so relentlessly pursuing her, should take visible, tangible shape, what then?

The Prescotts were very proud, and their only son and heir would never be allowed to lower himself by mating with the child of a poor, unknown woman like Mrs, Stillman, How could she bear it?

it?

She looked around her beautiful rooms; every object within them was dear to her, and must she go away and leave everything behind her?

Her very soul shrank back appalled at the sacrifice, and Raymond, holding her close to him, felt the sudden thrill of agony which shook her from head to foot.

"My darling, you are certainly very ill—you have been where they have fever, and caught it," he exclaimed.

folding her closer, he whisperd, with a

my love! I have just won you-I cannot

"Oh, my love! I have just won you—I cannot lose you!"

And his clasp tightened, as if he would allow nothing to wrest her from him.

He led her to the couch and made her lie down, covering her with a soft shawl. He brought a bottle of eau de cologne and bathed her hot head, soothing her with fond and gentle words, until she did indeed seem to be growing more composed and natural.

Gradually the look of pain died out of her face, the heavy, sorrow-laden lids drooped over her eyes, the thought-wearled brain grew quiet, the tense muscles relaxed, and Sibyl slept.

#### CHAPTER XVIII.

A CRUEL THING TO DO.

Sibyl had not been gone many minutes from Mrs. Stillman's, on that day when she had learned so much, when Ada Therwin came in to pay a visit She found the "poor rheumatic" busily en-

She found the "poor rheumatic" busily engaged in preparing herself a comfortable dinner! For a person who had suffered so long from that painful disease, Mrs. Stillman was remarkably nimble, and bustled around in a manner wonderful to behold!

"Well, Jude, I should say you were in a hurry," Ada remarked, as she threw herself into a chair by the kitchen stove, and watched her movements with some amusement.

"Ah! Miss Ada, I'm mortal hungry, and I thought I should surely have to go without my dinner today."

'Hasn't the little fool but just gone?" Miss

"Hasn't the little fool but just gone?" Miss Therwin sneeringly inquired.

"Just fifteen minutes ago by the clock," the woman answered, glancing up at it.

"You need not call her fool, though," she added. "There is more character to her than either you or I know of, or I will lose my guess."

"I shall call her whatever I like. I hate her, and wish—yes, I do wish she had been killed in



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There never was any real reason, except the one that appealed to the eye, why we should have so generally preferred bread made of the very whitest flour, in the milling of which some of the most Mourishing elements of the grain were eliminated for the sake of color at a sacrifice of food value. While becoming used to the looks of the darker breads, we are discovering that they provide a more substantial and nourishing article of diet.

And this is going to teach us something else. As we can get along without undue style in bread, which was all it amounted to, so we can get along without undue style in bread, which was all it amounted to, so we can get along and be content with much less of style in other things. We are going to learn, before this as over and our country's affairs have become readjusted, that it is not positively necessary to purchase a new suit of clothes on the exact moment become too out-of-date to give the wearer any pleasure, they will, with the aid of new patterns, be made to do further service by our noble women, who are truly with the did of me wear and in each fasterns, be made to do further service by our noble women, who are truly.

The old and pretty custom ...

Play cart in which to place the parcels be in more to somewhat battered in play, can be covered with somewhat battered in play, can be covered with the same. Decorate the cart with else some becovered in the same. Decorate the cart with wheth the same. Decorate the cart wit

some of the habits of the early fathers, after we have learned the war bread lessons thoroughly. It will become unfashionable to show unto show unostentation, even when there is wealth back

and acceptable.

The first stipulations should be that only near and dear friends of the honored guest be present, and that refreshments be limited to two things, conservation cake and fruit punch sweetened with

timely in making such a shower very attractive

Cross Pat-terns for mak-

ing garments for the French and Belgian

and Belgian boysandgirls. War - time recipes cut from magazines and pasted in a note book, putting your signature to any you have tried and approved. proved. Yarn for

veaters

we all the back of it. There is going to be public criticism of men and women who spend more than they can afford on food, clothing, shelter and equipage.

Studied food economy has brought about new table manners. It has restored the breadboard to its proper place, on the dining table, from which bread is cut and served as wanted, which prevents great waste. Everything is passed, individual dishes being tabooed, and etiquette demands that one shall serve to himself only what he is sure of eating, not taking food to be toyed with on the plate. Refuse point blank what you do not care for, and remember that the cleaner the plate the better the manners. Wastefulness has become unfashionable, in bad taste, and the lessons learned while thrift, economy and simplicity are required by the conditions of war will be carried into the future and result in a happier living for those, at least, who have struggled so strenuously to keep up with a speedy procession in the matter of spending.

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The Parcel Shower

It is more than likely that the bride-to-be, for whom you are planning a "shower," has given her promise true to a boy in khaki, and you are anxious that this event shall demonstrate your patriotism as well as friendship. In these days, when every effort must be directed toward winning the war, and we have no place for useless gaieties, the following suggestions may prove

CONSERVATION CAKE.

that smash-up sixteen years ago," Ada impatiently replied, with a very unpleasant frown upon her fair face.
"I suppose it would have been better for your

"I suppose it would have been better for your future prospects. However, I've done a pretty stroke of business for you today," said Mrs. Stilman, as she put a plate of fricasseed chicken upon the table, and, sitting down, prepared to satisfy the cravings of her appetite.

"How so? Have you related her history to the little simpleton at last?"

"At last! Pray how long did you think it was going to take to get through with such a delicate piece of business as you have set me to do?" demanded her companion somewhat sharply.

"I do not mean to be unreasonable, Judith," apologized Miss Therwin, "but it's two weeks now since she first came here, and I must confess that I am somewhat impatient, for that young Prescott has neither eyes nor ears for any one else when

am somewhat impatient, for that young Prescott has neither eyes nor ears for any one else when she is around."

"What do you care for him? You have had scores of offers from men in a higher position than he occupies, and might have as many more."

"That is all very true, but I have found even during my few years of social life, that there is quite a difference between fops, swells, dandles, and—men," Miss Therwin remarked, with rather scornful emphasis.

"Ahem! and how would you class the other!

sex?" quietly inquired Judith, but with a droll expression in her black eyes.

Miss Therwin colored.
"That is neither here nor there," she said, tartly; "I am interested in Mr. Prescott; he is a man to whom one could look up, and be proud of; he will make his mark in the world some time, and I mean that he shall yet ask me to share his future. But if we don't get Sibyl out of the way pretty soon, I'm afraid he will propose to her, if he has not done so already, though I hardly think things have gone so far as that yet."

yet."
"What leads you to that conclusion?"
"She wears no engagement ring, and there has been no announcement of anything of the kind."
"Well, the change in her circumstances may make no difference with him," Judith replied.
"Pshaw! do you suppose a man in his position would marry her when he finds out who and what she is?"

in any such way," Ada cried, angrily.

"But some men will do a great deal for love, you know."

"It can't be that you argue from experience," sneered Ada, hotly.

Judith's face grew a sudden scarlet; then the angry tide receding, left her very pale.

Her black eyes glowed with passion, but there was a look of intense paln about her mouth. "I advise you not to try me too far, Miss Ada," she said, with a sort of flerce calmness that made Miss Therwin wince. "That is a subject which is never to be touched upon again between us."

"Wells well, I promise not to twit upon facts any more, only when you argue against me it angers me, and I do not stop to think what I am saying. But you have not yet told me how much you accomplished today," Ada replied, changing the tone of her remarks.

Judith related her whole interview with Sibyl, much to Miss Therwin's entertainment.

"Then you believe she will fall into the trap?" she asked, when she had finished.

"I have no doubt of it, but it will not do to be too fast in the matter. It is better for her to learn a little at a time, think it over well, and be thoroughly convinced before she commits herself, and when she does at last give in, it will be an entire renouncing of everything."

"I hope so, but I can't help being terribly anxious as to the result," sighed Ada, impatiently. "I don't see why you need to be. When the proofs are produced, there can be no question."

"That will be quite a clincher, I confess; but I know the doctor's family will try every way to keep her with them. Lady Prescott almost worships her, and it will be almost like burying her to give her up," Miss Therwin said, doubtfully.

"You seem to be in rather a skeptical mood today, Miss Ada," Judith observed, somewhat sarcastically.

"It is because I am so anxious."

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"You need not fear. The next time I have a chance, I shall tell ber the whole, and break her heart at once; for it will break, I am pretty sure, when she is thoroughly convi

sum."
"Another! I've not made so very much as yet, "Another! I're not made so very much as yet, that I can see."
"Well, you will, for I shall, of course, pay you the sum I promised, and, besides, Sir Athelstone and Lady Prescott will undoubtedly settle a handsome annuity upon Sibyl. They will never allow her to want for anything; so there will be no need for you ever to lift your hand again, that is, if you can keep up the deception."

"I think I shall be able to, with such a prospect for the future as you describe. I always did love the comfort which money brings. But about this other chance?"

There was a greedy look on the woman's face, that told that money would tempt her to a great deal.

deal.

"Oh! there is a gentleman in town who has become very much enamored of Sibyl, and after she comes to live with you, if you will only assist him in his suit, your fortune is made."

"What other deep-laid scheme have you in your brain now, Miss Ada?" demanded Judith, with a cunning look at her companion.

"None whatever, only don't you see, if he can win the girl, the coast is clear for me in another direction."

"Sure enough; but will this one be willing to

"Sure enough; but will this one be willing to compromise himself, any more than the other?" Was the shrewd inquiry. Miss Therwin colored. She knew right well the character of the Duc d'Aubigne.

d'Aubigne.

She knew that he had won many pure hearts, only to break and trample on them. But she answered, carelessly:

"That is his lookout, not mine. I am only concerned to get her well out of young Prescott's way as soon as possible."

"What is his name?"

"I suppose you will have to know it before long, and I may as well tell you. It is the Duc d'Aubigne."

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In some unaccountable way, Judith had dropped her knife and fork, and tipped her plate into her lap.

She quickly replaced the plate, and then stopped to pick up the other things, which was a work requiring some exertion, since the knife had sped in one direction, and the fork in another

other.

Her face was very red and her eyes very bright when she resumed her seat, from the recent exertion, probably.

"Does he belong here?" she asked, returning to the subject under discussion; but the tones of her voice were not quite steady, and her color was rapidly receding.

"Not he is a relative of Lady Wilton, and visits her every season. He has a magnificent estate in France, besides an unlimited bank account, I am told."

"How do you happen to know so much about him?" Judith asked, with a keen glauce.

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